

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Southbridge,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.



SOUTHBRIDGE :

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1885.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1884-5.

TREASURER.

FRANCIS L. CHAPIN.

CLERK.

HENRY A. MORSE.

SELECTMEN.

ALBERT H. WHEELER, WILLIAM D. MORSE, PLINY T. LITCHFIELD.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

CALVIN A. PAIGE, E. M. PHILLIPS, PLINY T. LITCHFIELD.

ASSESSORS.

CHARLES W. WELD, SAMUEL S. PERRY, JAMES LYON.

AUDITORS.

C. W. JOHNSON, FRANK D. DRESSER, AUGUSTUS COOK.

TOWN OFFICERS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JAMES J. OAKES,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1887
JAMES M. AMMIDOWN,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1886
SILVANUS HAYWARD,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1885

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

GEORGE W. WELLS,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1887
JOHN M. COCHRAN,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1887
GEORGE M. LOVELL,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1887
CHARLES D. MONROE,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1886
LUCIAN W. CURTIS,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1886
MANNING LEONARD,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1885
SILVANUS HAYWARD,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1885
GEORGE M. WHITAKER,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1885
JOSEPH DANIELSON was elected to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of F. M. Smith.					

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

ANDREW J. BARTHOLOMEW,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1887
CHRISTOPHER ABBOTT,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1887
JOHN O. McKINSTRY,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1886
GEORGE W. WELLS,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1886
SAMUEL WILLIAMS,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1885
EDWIN BACON,	-	-	-	-	Term expires 1885

FENCE VIEWERS.

WILLIAM H. H. CHENEY, GEO. L. CLEMENCE, HARRISON HARWOOD.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER

JOHN E. CLEMENCE, CHARLES HYDE, DANFORTH DOUTY.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

CHARLES HYDE,	WM P. PLIMPTON,	JOHN M. CHENEY,
JULIUS S. GLEASON,	HENRY A. MORSE,	FRANK D. DRESSER,
WM. E. ALDEN, JR.,	PAUL N. LECLAIR,	PATRICK KELLY,
DANFORTH DOUTY,	JOHN RYAN,	JOHN E. CLEMENCE,
SYLVESTER DRESSER,	CHARLES W. WELD,	WILLIAM D. MORSE.

FIELD DRIVERS.

G. A. DRESSER,	District No. 1. THEO. BOYLE,	District No. 5.
JOS BRACKETT,	District No. 2. H. P. MORSE.	District No. 6.
JAS. MONROE.	District No. 3. LARKIN VINTON,	District No. 7.
ANDREW HIGGINS,	District No. 4.	

FIRE ENGINEERS.

CALVIN CLAFLIN, Chief.

A. H. COZZENS, 1st Assistant,

B. C. STONE, 2d Assistant,

J. W. ROBINSON, 3d Assistant,

MICHAEL EGAN, 4th Assistant.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

AUSTIN H. SHEPARD.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

SAMUEL S. PERRY.

CONSTABLES.

PLINY M. CLARKE. LAMBERT E. FERRY, BRADFORD C. STONE,
 THOMAS W. D. BROWN, GEORGE H. THAYER, E. L. SPENCER.

POLICE OFFICERS.

MICHAEL BREEN,	FRANK E. PARKER,	GEORGE GODDU,
EDWIN BACON,	HUGH VARNER,	GEO. LAMOUREUX,
MANNING PLIMPTON,	MARCUS DILLABER.	

TOWN OFFICERS.

WEIGHERS OF COAL.

JAMES F. PARKER, A. B. GOODIER, E. S. ELLIS, FRANK E. PARKER,
GEORGE K. DRESSER, WILLIAM F. MCKINSTRY.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

LIBERTY REYNOLDS.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
AUDITORS.

ACCOUNT OF TOWN TREASURER,

AS PRESENTED BY HIM, IS HEREWITH SUBMITTED, HAVING BEEN
EXAMINED AND FOUND CORRECT.

F. L. CHAPIN, TREASURER, in account with the Town of
Southbridge, for the year ending February 28, 1885 :

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1884.	-	-	\$5,063 44
Due from S. S. Perry, collector,	-	-	- 1,487 50
H. W. Bacon, collector,	-	-	870 55
S. Thayer, collector,	-	-	- 363 65

Tax bill of 1884 :

State tax,	-	-	-	\$3,760 00
County tax,	-	-	-	2,298 00
Bank tax and overlayings,	-	-	-	2.046 36
Center watch district tax and overlayings,				809 57
Overlayings on taxes,	-	-	-	255 39
Common schools,	-	-	-	7,500 00
Discount on taxes,	-	-	-	5.000 00
Outside poor,	-	-	-	3,500 00
Highways,	-	-	-	3,500 00
Contingent account schools,	-	-	-	2,200 00
High school,	-	-	-	2,000 00
Amounts carried forward,				\$32,869 32 \$7,785 14

Amounts brought forward,				\$32,869 32	\$7,785 14
Public library,	-	-	-	1,500 00	
Salaries,	-	-	-	1,500 00	
Street lights,	-	-	-	1,500 00	
Support of poor,	-	-	-	1,500 00	
Engine men,	-	-	-	1,400 00	
Chapin street,	-	-	-	1,300 15	
Contingent expenses,	-	-	-	1,100 00	
Hearse house,	-	-	-	1,100 00	
Westville road,	-	-	-	1,000 00	
Bridges,	-	-	-	800 00	
Fire department,	-	-	-	800 00	
Dresser street,	-	-	-	750 00	
Water supply,	-	-	-	580 00	
West Dudley road,	-	-	-	500 00	
Chapin street walk,	-	-	-	550 00	
Abatement of taxes,	-	-	-	500 00	
Cemetery improvements,	-	-	-	500 00	
Interest,	-	-	-	500 00	
Railing highways,	-	-	-	400 00	
Sidewalks,	-	-	-	400 00	
South Marcy Street,	-	-	-	400 00	
Morris road,	-	-	-	300 00	
Printing,	-	-	-	250 00	
Police station contingent,	-	-	-	200 00	
McKinstry road,	-	-	-	200 00	
Decoration,	-	-	-	100 00	
Lamp posts,	-	-	-	100 00	
Sayles street walk,	-	-	-	100 00	
Bartlett street,	-	-	-	100 00	
Insurance,	-	-	-	75 00	
				<hr/>	\$52,874 47
State treasurer, corporation tax,				-	\$2,889 87
Amount carried forward,				-	<hr/> \$55,764 34

Amount brought forward,	-	\$55,764	34
State treasurer, bank tax,	- - -	636	84
State aid,	- -	154	00
Income Massachusetts school fund,		87	65
State pauper account,	-	193	80
County treasurer, dog fund,	- - -	298	c8
City of Lawrence, account Colquohan,	-	96	00
Webster, account Margaret Finnely,	- -	58	29
Spencer, account Dragon,	- - -	50	31
Douglas, account Mrs. Allen	- -	42	00
Charlton, account Mrs. Allen,	- -	36	00
Millbury, account Therique,	- -	10	00
Sidewalk assessments,	- - -	455	45
Cemetery fund,	- - -	450	00
Center watch district,	- - -	400	00
Produce sold,	- - -	155	55
C. A. Paige, account M. O'Brien,	- -	96	00
Public library, cards, fines, etc,	- - -	80	81
Licenses,	- - -	59	00
School books and supplies sold,	- - -	38	01
Oil barrels sold,	- - -	25	74
Lamp posts sold,	- - -	17	00
Old plank sold,	- - -	15	00
Use town hall,	- - -	11	50
Wood sold,	- - -	6	00
Liquor licenses,	- - -	6	00
Gasoline sold,	- - -	3	00
Stone bounds sold,	- - -	1	90
Rails and loam sold,	- - -	1	50
Deed land to Congregational Society,	-	1	00
Water Company damages,	- -	50	
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	-	16,000	00
		<u>\$83,036</u>	<u>41</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Paid common schools,	-	-	\$5,501	11
Discount on taxes,	-	-	4,757	38
Outside poor,	-	-	3,828	24
State tax,	-	-	3,760	00
Highways,	-	-	3,517	74
Contingent account schools,	-	-	2,723	49
County tax,	-	-	2,298	00
Support of poor,	-	-	2,123	75
Bank tax,	-	-	1,806	42
Public library,	-	-	1,789	62
Street lights,	-	-	1,501	30
High school,	-	-	1,484	41
Abatement taxes,	-	-	1,398	64
Engine men,	-	-	1,390	00
Contingent expenses,	-	-	1,273	56
Salaries,	-	-	1,183	00
Center watch district,	-	-	1,115	89
Chapin street walk,	-	-	1,018	42
Hearse house,	-	-	988	24
Ware Savings Bank,	-	-	800	00
Worcester County Institute for Savings,			800	00
Southbridge Savings Bank,	-	-	700	00
Cemetery improvements,	-	-	694	53
Interest,	-	-	617	45
Water supply,	-	-	580	00
Fire department,	-	-	500	26
West Dudley road,	-	-	499	16
Bridges,	-	-	389	71
Printing,	-	-	324	17
Sidewalks,	-	-	241	91
Railing highway,	-	-	228	13
Dresser street,	-	-	211	02
McKinstry road,	-	-	183	00
Amount carried forward,			\$50,228	55

Amount brought forward,	\$50,228	55
Police contingent, - - -	169	07
State aid, - - -	169	00
Sayles street walk, - - -	164	15
Lamps, - - -	100	00
Decoratlon, - - -	88	65
Insurance, - - -	79	00
Bartlett street, - - -	63	00
School apparatus, - - -	35	50
State for liquor licenses, - - -	1	50
Note to L. H. Stowe, dated Aug. 8, 1881,	5,000	00
Note to Southbridge Savings Bank, dated Feb. 29, 1884, - - -	6,450	00
Money borrowed in anticipation of taxes,	16,000	00
	<hr/>	\$78,548 42
Cash in Treasury March 1, 1885, - - -	780	75
Due from S. S. Perry, collector, - - -	3,343	59
S. Thayer, collector, - - -	363	65
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		\$83,036 41

BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS FEBRUARY 28, 1885.

School houses, - - -	\$20,000 00	Town property, - - -	\$78,329 78
Cemetery, - - -	10,000 00	Unappropriated funds,	3 708 77
Public library, - - -	9,000 00	Common school, - - -	2,718 72
Steamers, - - -	8,000 00	Cemetery fund, - - -	2,414 25
Town house, - - -	5,000 00	Discount on taxes, - - -	1,022 59
Engine houses, - - -	5 000 00	Fire department, - - -	605 24
Farm, - - -	5 000 00	High school, - - -	603 97
Hose, - - -	5,000 00	Center watch district, - - -	445 01
Lamp posts, - - -	2,500 00	State aid, - - -	343 31
Police station, - - -	2,500 00	Dog fund, - - -	298 08
School furniture, - - -	1,600 00	Abatement of taxes, - - -	205 66
Hose carriages, - - -	1,000 00	License law, - - -	130 00
Hearse house, - - -	1,000 00	School apparatus, - - -	112 60
Fire engines, - - -	250 00	Railing highways, - - -	92 72
Hearse, - - -	200 00	Bridges, - - -	82 14
Road scraper, - - -	150 00	Outside poor, - - -	73 04
Personal property, - - -	2 129 78	School committee, - - -	58 07
Ware savings bank, - - -	800 00	Public library, - - -	54 88
Worc. Co. Institute Savings, - - -	800 00	Police station, - - -	53 27
Southbridge savings bank, - - -	700 00	Salaries, - - -	39 18
General appropriations, - - -	3,882 77	Bartlett street, - - -	37 00
Cash, - - -	780 75	Cemetery improvement, - - -	34 09
S. S. Perry, collector, - - -	3 343 59	Sidewalks, - - -	28 23
S. Thayer, collector, - - -	363 65	Engine men, - - -	22 00
Central street walk, - - -	799 84	Insurance, - - -	21 85
Highways, - - -	612 08	McKinstry road, - - -	17 00
Contingent expenses, - - -	468 78	Decoration, - - -	11 35
Street lights, - - -	251 44	Liquor licenses, - - -	4 50
Contingent account schools, - - -	206 25	West Dudley road, - - -	84
Chapin street walk, - - -	112 92		
Printing, - - -	40 88		
Interest, - - -	38 06		
Support of Poor, - - -	23 20		
Sayles street walk, - - -	14 15		
	<u>\$91,568 14</u>		<u>\$91,568 14</u>

F. L. CHAPIN, Treasurer.

Southbridge, March 1, 1885.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

OUTSIDE POOR.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	-	-	\$3,500 00
City of Lawrence, aid of Mrs. Colonge,			96 00
Town of Spencer, aid of Mrs. Dragon,	-		50 31
Town of Douglas, aid of Mrs. Allen,			42 00
Town of Webster, aid of Marg't Finnely,			58 29
Amount from State Treasurer,	-		151 80
Town of Millbury, aid of A. and J. Terriac,			10 00
Town of Charlton, aid of Mrs. Albert Allen,			36 00
			<hr/> \$3,944 40

EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1884,	-		\$43 12
Paige & Co, goods furnished,			
Andrew Daggett,	-		1 25
Mrs. McGrath,	-	-	1 75
Judson Hemingway,	-		3 00
Charles Garceau,	-	-	2 63
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Amounts carried forward,	\$8 63	\$43 12	

Amounts brought forward,	\$8 63	\$43 12
Mary A. Congdon, -	1 10	
	<hr/>	9 73
Bugbee & Wheeler, goods furnished		
Joseph Cachee, -	4 00	
Julia King, -	2 98	
	<hr/>	6 98
L. N. Holden, goods furnished		
Mrs. John McGrath, -	2 00	
Ephraim Seymore, -	3 00	
	<hr/>	5 00
G. G. Bulfinch, services care outside poor,		50 00
Edwin Bacon, burying two children,		5 00
Mrs. Martin Keating, rent Jos. A. Rivers,		5 00
E. C. Ellis, goods furnished		
Mrs. Gregory, -	3 00	
Joseph Terriac, Jr., -	4 00	
Judson Hemingway, -	12 00	
Exeos Gauthier, -	6 00	
	<hr/>	25 00
C. A. Paige, amount overpaid treasurer 1883,		4 00
C. A. Paige,		
Aid of Andrew Daggett, -	2 93	
Aid of Bridget Hogan, -	1 53	
Aid of Peter Dumas, -	3 50	
Aid of Mary Ann Congdon,	00	
Aid of McCough in, -	2 16	
Aid of Chas. Horton, -	25	
Aid of Gomo. -	25	
Aid of Galen Cook, -	3 14	
Aid, -	3 00	
Making out papers, -	25	
Expenses to almshouse, -	1 50	
	<hr/>	19 31
C. A. Paige, aid rendered and house rent,		16 20
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Amounts carried forward,	\$189 34	

	Amount brought forward,	189	34
Worcester Lunatic Hospital,			
Catherine Tynan, -	188	77	
Daniel Smith, - -	171	87	
Francis E. Scarboro, -	171	19	
Catherine Kenny, - -	1	39	
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			533 22
J. F. Parker,			
Team to move Margaret Finnely,	2	00	
Moving Hogan family, -	8	00	
Moving Andrew Daggett to			
town farm, - -	1	00	
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			11 00
Waite Brothers,			
Aid to Moses Chase, -	1	12	
Aid to Mrs. Peter Richie,	10	57	
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			11 69
Southbridge Post Office, postage stamps,			2 00
Chauncy Nichols, attending funeral Mrs.			
Galen Cook, - -			4 50
Town of Webster, aid to Bridget Hogan,			31 68
Town of Chicopee, aid to Charles Horton,			12 43
Town of Franklin,			
Aid and funeral expenses of Ada			
French, - -	72	00	
Support of Galen Cook and wife,	73	05	
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			145 05
Town of Sturbridge, aid to Fanny Nedson,			7 00
Alex Bibeau, digging grave for Miss			
Gaudett, - -			2 50
Michael Hickey, moving self and family to			
Providence, - -			15 00
Town of Spencer, aid to Myrta Dumas,			68 44
Wm. C. Callahan,			
Funeral expenses and coffin of			
Noel Montville, - -	10	00	
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Amounts brought forward, \$10 00	1,033	85	

Amounts brought forward,	\$10 00	1,033 85
Funeral expenses and coffin of		
Frank Scarboro,	- 6 50	
Lizzie Gargan,	- 13 00	
	<hr/>	29 50
Sylvester Dresser, rent Margaret Finnely,		12 00
City of Lawrence, aid to Jos Muldooney,		80
Thomas Cary, rent Mrs. Jas. Gargan,		4 00
Liberty Reynolds,		
Board and services attending		
Andrew Daggett,	- 76 00	
Boarding 359 tramps,	- 35 90	
	<hr/>	111 90
Southbridge Coal Co.,		
Paid to Noel Montville,	- 2 00	
Paid to James Kershaw,	2 00	
Paid to Kate Powers,	- 12 00	
Paid to Exeos Gauthier,	- 4 00	
	<hr/>	20 00
W. S. Cook, aid and board Galen Cook,		38 90
Town of Millbury, aid Michael Coughlin		
and family,	- - -	129 46
Asylum for chronic insane, board and sundries for Lydia Fiske,	- -	178 57
LeClair & Son, goods furnished		
Arthur Giginer,	- 6 00	
Jos. D. Rivers,	- 17 00	
	<hr/>	23 00
M. M. Marble, goods furnished		
Oliver Dulett,	- 4 00	
Jos. Terriac, Jr.,	- 2 00	
Matilda Howland,	- 4 00	
Ester Clarke,	- 4 00	
Mary Ann Congdon,	- 1 00	
	<hr/>	15 00
Jacob Booth, coffin for Mrs. John Gaudette,		7 50
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$1,604 48

Amount brought forward,	\$1,604	48
M. J. Surprenant, goods furnished		
Noel Montville, - - -	1	00
Oliver Dulett, - - -	2	00
	—	3 00
P. H. Carpenter & Co., goods to		
Albert Terriac, - - -	3	00
Matilda Howland, - - -	2	00
Oliver Dulett, - - -	15	00
Ester Clarke, - - -	5	00
	—	25 00
Geo. C. Shepard & Co., medicine for		
Daggett, - - -	2	54
Central Mills Co., aid John Buerk, -	2	00
J. M. & L. D. Clemence,		
Wood sold Matilda Howland, -	7	00
Judson Hemingway, - - -	1	00
	—	8 00
Samuel Williams,		
Coffin to Mrs. Galen Cook,	10	00
Coffin to Mary Ann Congdon's		
child, - - -	3	75
Coffin to Simeon Goddu's child,	4	75
Coffin and funeral expenses of		
Emily Forest's child, -	8	75
Coffin to Paul Baker's child, -	4	00
Coffin and funeral expenses of		
Margaret Finnely, -	16	09
Coffin for Chas. Horton's child,	4	75
	—	52 09
Edwards Grain Co., goods furnished		
Alex Lataille, - - -	2	50
Jos. Rivers, - - -	2	00
	—	4 50
Mary E. Webster, aid furnished, -	8	00
	—	—
Amount carried forward,	\$1,709	61

Amount brought forward, \$1,709 61		
Town of North Brookfield,		
Board of Louis Goddu and wife,	13 00	
Funeral expenses Louis Goddu,	13 75	
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Town of Brookfield, aid to Mrs. Gregory,		22 00
Town of Shirley, aid Mrs. Peter Richie,		28 00
Widow John Lucia, aid furnished,	-	52 06
J & T Ryan,		
Aid furnished to Jas. Brown,	109 00	
Aid furnished Kate Congdon,	104 00	
Aid furnished Mrs. Gargan,	26 00	
	<hr/>	239 00
W. P. Plimpton,		
Aid to Jos. Rivers,	- 2 00	
Aid to Mary Congdon,	8 00	
Aid to Ester Clarke,	- 21 50	
Aid to Margaret Finnely,	8 00	
Aid to Noel Montville,	- 3 00	
Aid to Matilda Howland,	2 00	
	<hr/>	44 50
Blanchard Bros., aid to Noel Montville,		129 00
Morse Bros., goods to		
Mrs. A. Duplesse,	- 21 00	
Jos. Reid, -	2 00	
Widow Noel Montville,	- 8 00	
Mary Ford, -	3 00	
Mrs. Louis Hart,	- 8 00	
Bracewell, -	2 00	
Mary Congdon, -	2 00	
	<hr/>	46 00
C. V. Corey, goods to P. E. B. Botham,		8 00
J, S. Gleason, goods to		
Julia King, -	104 00	
Mrs. A. Herber, -	104 00	
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Amounts carried forward, \$208 00		2,304 92

Amounts brought forward,	\$208 00	2,304 92
Mrs. Hickey, - -	106 00	
Peter Reno, - -	9 00	
Louis Goddu, - -	21 00	
Mrs. Conglin, - -	72 00	
Mrs. Allen, - -	62 00	
Jacob Gomo, - -	36 00	
Mrs. Chas. L. Horton, - -	10 00	
Mrs. Cross, - -	42 00	
John Gaudett, - -	14 00	
Mrs. Nolan, - -	22 00	
	<hr/>	602 00

W. P. Guy, goods to		
James Kershaw, - -	4 00	
Jules Carthier, - -	208 00	
Judson Hemingway, - -	17 00	
Mary Ann Congdon, - -	32 00	
Mrs. Montville, - -	3 00	
Matilda Howland, - -	18 00	
Ester Clarke, - -	5 00	
Kate Powers, - -	8 00	
Mrs. Finnely, - -	4 00	
John Wright, - -	8 00	
Chas. H. Clee, - -	3 00	
Phœbe Seymore, - -	2 00	
J. Terriac, - -	1 00	
John McGrath, - -	8 00	
	<hr/>	321 00

W. E. Alden & Co., goods to		
Patrick Gleason, - -	44 00	
Mrs. Connelly, - -	52 00	
Mrs. Shea, - -	104 00	
Mrs. Monte, - -	106 25	
Alonzo Martin, - -	114 00	
Matthew McGrath, - -	104 00	
Mrs. P. O'Brien, - -	91 00	
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Amounts carried forward, \$715 25 3,227 92

Amounts brought forward, \$715 25	3,227 92	
David Patnaud, -	5 00	
Alfred Lovely, -	18 50	
	<u>638 75</u>	
LeClair & Son, outstanding order paid,	4 69	
	<u>\$3871 36</u>	
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,		<u>\$73 04</u>

SUPPORT OF POOR.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1,		
1884, -	-	\$240 60
Appropriation at annual meeting,	1,500 00	
C. A. Paige, guardian Margaret O'Brien,	96 00	
Patrick Gleason, pension and state aid,	42 00	
Produce sold at farm, -	155 55	
Gain in personal property at farm, -	66 40	
	<u>\$2,100 55</u>	

EXPENDITURES.

Geo. F. Northrop and wife, services from		
March 1, 1884, to March 1, 1885,	\$400 00	
W. P. Guy, groceries, -	139 97	
E. C. Ellis, groceries, -	131 18	
Morse Brothers, -	102 14	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., groceries, -	87 25	
M. M. Marble, meat and provisions, -	106 94	
Geo. S. Stone, labor on cart and		
wagon, -	115 00	
Shoeing, repairing, etc.,	25 81	
	<u>140 81</u>	
Amount carried forward,		\$1,108 29

Amount brought forward	\$1,108 29
Southbridge Coal Co., furnace coal, 78 00	
Lime and hair, - - 10 21	
	<hr/> 88 21
Paige & Co., goods to farm, - - 119 50	
L. N. Holden, groceries, - 75 53	
Edwards Grain Co., one horse, - 125 00	
Phosphate, - 3 34	
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G. G. Bulfinch, medical attendance, 50 00	
Conant & Clarke, phosphate, - 22 50	
Hardware, - 10 62	
	<hr/> 33 12
W. P. Plimpton, plaster, hubs and rims, 30 85	
T. Harrington, 3,423 1-2 lbs, middlings, 41 09	
Henry C. Penniman, difference between oxen, - - - 28 00	
Geo. E. White, labor on farm, - 67 00	
James Burns, labor on farm, - 43 15	
Geo. Underwood, labor on farm, - 16 75	
Michael Farrell, labor self and men, - 26 25	
Wm. Powers, labor on farm, - 6 37	
O. B. E. Chipman, crackers, etc., - 38 43	
C. V. Carpenter & Co., merchandise to farm, 25 33	
Joseph Williams, 1 000 guano, - 22 50	
Roscius Back, plank, - - 21 82	
C. T. Carpenter, one harness and pole strap, 22 00	
Wm. C. Callahan, burial expenses Richard Dwyer, - - - 15 75	
Samuel Williams, coffin for Mrs. Kershaw, - - 7 50	
Bedstead, - - 3 50	
	<hr/> 11 00
Willie Weld, pigs and timber, - 19 75	
T. Potter & Co., fish, - - 13 45	
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$2,052 48

Amount brought forward,	\$2.052 48	
G. F. Northrop, cash overpaid for produce, - - -	10 00	
Paid City of Springfield, and ex- penses removing Lewis Gomo to Almshouse, - - -	5 55	
	<hr/>	15 55
Lewis J. Wells, threshing grain, -	6 37	
Geo. L. Winter, paint and hardware,	5 34	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber, -	7 62	
W. R. Cooke & Co., C. D. Paige receiver, Goods to farm, - - -	5 75	
Goods to farm, - - -	3 94	
	<hr/>	9 69
E. C. Vinton, professional services and medicine, - - -	6 00	
J. H. Waldron, moving Bridget Hogan from almshouse to Fiskdale, -	4 00	
Sylvester Dresser, one ox yoke, -	5 00	
Daniel Whitford, services appraising per- sonal property at farm, -	2 00	
Geo. A. Dresser, services appraising personal property at farm, -	2 00	
Silas B. Morse, services appraising personal property at farm, - - -	2 00	
J. A. White & Co., goods, -	1 35	
Andrew Clarke, butchering, - - -	3 25	
I. Badger, repairing boots, -	1 10	
	<hr/>	2,123 75
Account overdrawn March 1, 1885, -		<hr/> <u>\$23 20</u>

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS,

Balance to credit account March 1, 1884,	\$ 713 83
Appropriation at annual meeting, -	7,500 00
Wood sold to St. Joseph's society, -	5 00
Wood sold to J. J. Oakes, -	1 00
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	\$8,219 83

EXPENDITURES.

Teaching.

Laura B. Williams, 37 weeks,	\$444 00
C. A. Young, 37 weeks, -	444 00
Mary E. Newell, 37 weeks, -	407 00
Mary E. Remington, 37 weeks, -	407 00
Alice Holmes, 37 weeks, -	376 50
Mary E. Clemence, 36 2-5 weeks,	364 00
Jennie E. Chamberlin, 33 weeks,	322 50
A. Rebecca Rowley, 33 weeks,	315 00
Idella Brewster, 35 weeks, -	315 00
Flora G. Allison, 35 week, -	315 00
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Amount carried forward, \$3,710 00

Amount brought forward,	\$3,710 00	
Susie M. Knights, 35 weeks, -	315 00	
Mary Edwards, 35 weeks, -	280 00	
Addie M. Martin, 35 weeks, -	280 00	
Nellie M. Walker, 34 3-5 weeks,	280 80	
Annie F. Morse, 36 weeks, -	295 50	
Mary A. Ellis, 35 weeks, -	263 00	
Lulu Whitford, 34 4-5 weeks,	261 40	
Estella F. Kenyon, 24 weeks, -	228 00	
Mary Pellett, 23 4-5 weeks -	214 20	
Mary E. Jenks, 23 4-5 weeks, -	214 20	
Ellen Williams, 23 weeks, -	195 00	
Etta Chamberlin, 24 weeks, -	174 00	
Callie Haskell, 35 weeks, -	175 00	
Nellie Evans, 11 weeks, -	99 00	
Flora B. Allen, 11 weeks, -	99 00	
Martha Cutting, 12 weeks, -	96 00	
Kate M. Pratt, 12 weeks, -	84 00	
	<hr/>	7,264 10
W. P. Plimpton, wood, -	295 94	
Mnason Morse, wood, -	22 00	
LeClair & Son, wood, -	19 13	
J & T. Ryan, wood, -	16 81	
Chas. Hyde, wood, -	20 76	
Nellie M. Walker, wood, -	15 00	
Henry Walker, wood, -	11 50	
Hiram Morse, wood, -	13 00	
Willard E. Morse, wood, -	4 75	
Central Mills Co., wood, -	4 50	
Horace Walker, wood, -	3 50	
	<hr/>	426 89
Geo. B. Corey, cutting wood, -	30 76	
Frank Longsway, cutting wood,	23 54	
Wm. Powers, cutting wood, -	4 95	
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Amounts carried forward, \$59 25	7,690 99	

Amounts brought forward,		\$59 25	7,690 99
Jos. LeValley, cutting wood,		2 00	
John Hancock, cutting wood, -		2 50	
Jos. Terriac, cutting wood, -		1 25	
Patrick Sheridan, cutting wood, -		75	
		<hr/>	65 75
Care rooms, getting wood, etc.,			
John M. Geer, -	-	89 98	
Thos. Hayes, -	-	64 00	
John Flood, -	-	56 00	
Jule Gagnon, -	-	14 50	
John Cullen, -	-	14 00	
Jas Ryan, -	-	13 00	
Chas. Brackett, -	-	8 25	
Holmes Vinton, -	-	8 00	
A. B. Cortiss, -	-	8 00	
Henry Mason, -	-	4 00	
Ellen Williams, -	-	4 00	
Nellie Walker, -	-	6 00	
Callie Haskell, -	-	4 00	
Jennie E. Chamberlin,		4 00	
		<hr/>	297 73
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			\$8,054 47
Balance to credit this account, March 1,			
1885,	-	-	\$165 36
Of the above expenditures orders amount-			
ing to \$2,553 36 have not been paid,			
which makes the balance agree with			
the treasurer's account.			

CONTINGENT SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	-	\$2,200 00	
Transfer from state fund,	-	500 00	
Books sold,	- - -	38 01	
		<hr/>	\$2,738 01

EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1884,	-	220 77	
Wm. Ware & Co., books,	- -	306 20	
Knight, Adams & Co., books and supplies,		386 92	
Miller, McNeal & Co., desks, chairs, etc.,		290 70	
Boston School Supply, books,	- -	250 70	
Chas. H. Whiting, books,	- -	245 22	
Egan & Farland, painting Elm street school-house as per contract,	- -	119 00	
Azel Thompson, labor and materials,		95 42	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, books,	-	37 29	
James M. Ammidown, taking census of school children,	-	15 00	
Labor and supplies,	-	45 38	
		<hr/>	60 38
James A. King, books and supplies,	-	36 97	
Ginn, Heath & Co., books,	- -	70 59	
Prang Educational Co., books,	-	65 47	
Jacob Booth, labor and supplies,	-	77 49	
Michael Farrell; labor,	- -	41 97	
Meisterchaft Bureau, books,	- -	55 50	
P. M. Clarke, services as truant officer, setting glass, etc.,	- -	32 50	
Lee & Shepard, books,	- -	30 00	
Wm. C. Barnes, books,	- -	28 97	
Geo. L. Winter, school supplies,	-	24 02	
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Amount carried forward,		\$2,566 08	

Amount brought forward,	\$2,566	08
Samuel Williams, 19 window shades, -	23	75
L. E. Ferry, services as truant officer, and teams, - - -	18	25
C. H. Bigelow, crayons and pencils, -	12	16
Joel Goldthwaite & Co., rope mats, -	18	90
J. J. Oakes, delivering books and sundry supplies, - - -	18	60
J. L. Hemmet, sundry supplies, - -	23	55
Harper Bros., books, - - -	27	44
Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., books, -	18	13
Conant & Clarke, supplies, - - -	19	12
Charles Hyde, boards, - - -	14	25
Erastus Northrop, labor and supplies,	16	60
Sylvanus Hayward, sundry expenses, post- age and delivering books, -	10	47
John M. Geer, care school houses, -	26	55
Warren P. Adams, books, - - -	12	50
Bugbee & Wheeler, curtains and fixtures,	12	02
Wm. J. Keith, books, - - -	10	52
Leonard Cutler, labor, - - -	12	71
Marcus Dillaber, services as truant officer,	11	87
Julius S. Gleason, books, - - -	4	13
A. N. Raub, books, - - -	5	60
Michael Monahan, washing floors, -	2	40
Andrew Plimpton, setting glass, etc., -	2	50
Mrs. John Parker, washing floors, -	2	40
Dennis McGrath, cleaning school house, -		90
Thomas Cuddihy, labor, - - -	6	00
Horace Walker, labor and supplies, -	1	50
D. Lothrop & Co., books, - - -	6	50
University Publishing Co., books, -	2	59
Newton E. Putney, cleaning clock, etc.,		85
G. H. Hartwell, chloride of lime, -	1	50

Amount carried forward, \$2,910 34

Amount brought forward, \$2,910 34		
F. O. Letcher, grading, repairing wall, and cleaning out vault, - -	9 25	
Mrs. John Stone, cleaning school house, -	1 50	
Mrs. Michael Welch, cleaning school house, -	1 00	
Carroll W. Clarke, ink-wells, - -	6 30	
Hiram Webster, labor and material repair- ing school house, - -	2 00	
Mrs. A. J. Clarke, cleaning school house, -	2 50	
Geo. M. Whitaker, printing, - -	3 50	
Mrs. Geo. Lemont, cleaning school house, -	2 00	
J. J. Delehanty, 2 chairs, - -	2 00	
Alphonse Deslauriers, slating, - -	2 42	
Geo. Whitford, labor, - - -	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$2,944 26
Account overdrawn March 1, 1885, -		<u>\$206 25</u>
Orders outstanding to this account March 1, 1885,		
W. C. Lewis, - - -	19 66	
James M. Ammidown, - -	9 70	
S. Hayward, - - -	4 00	
L. W. Curtis, - - -	7 50	
J. T. McKinstry, - - -	3 85	
Azel Thompson, - - -	2 42	
Chas. H. Bigelow, - - -	6 63	
	<hr/>	\$53 76

HIGH SCHOOL.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1884, \$88 38	
Appropriation at annual meeting, - 2,000 00	
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	\$2,088 38

EXPENDITURES.

Samuel F. Tower, 27 weeks, -	\$665 00
Emma S. Bickford, 39 4-5 weeks,	557 20
H. W. Thurston, teaching first term high school, - - -	275 00
L. H. Ammidown, 12 weeks, -	120 00
J. M. Geer, care of high school room, and repairs, - - -	45 49
W. P. Plimpton, wood, - - -	39 69
James H. Mason, wood, - - -	10 31
Dresser & Paige, use of hall for graduating exercises. - - -	15 00
Jennie E. Chamberlain, teaching drawing,	15 00
F. M. Smith, freight, cartage and repairs on high school piano, - - -	12 00
Charles Hyde, wood, - - -	9 25
Leonard Cutler, labor and lumber, -	7 60
James A. King, crayon, paper, etc.,	6 48
Samuel Williams, chairs, window shade, etc., - - -	3 65
S. R. Leland & Co., use of piano at graduating exercises, - - -	3 00
Geo. M. Whitaker, printing, - - -	3 00
W. S. Kilton, engrossing diplomas, -	3 00
Geo. B. Corey, cutting wood, - - -	3 00
F. Rowley, services at graduating exercises, - - -	2 00
	— — \$1,795 67
Balance to credit this account, March 1, 1885,	<u>\$292 71</u>
Orders outstanding to above account, March 1, 1885, which makes balance agree with treasurer's balance,	\$311 26

SCHOOL APPARATUS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1884, \$148 10	
	<u>\$148 10</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Harrison Hume, for books, - -	30 50	
Robert McVey, for thermometers, -	5 00	
	<u>35 50</u>	
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,		\$112 60

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1884, \$470 42	
State school fund 1884, - -	87 65
	<u>\$558 07</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Transfer to contingent school account, -	\$500 00	
	<u>500 00</u>	
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,		\$58 07

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS.

RECEIPTS,

Balance to credit account March 1, 1884,	\$228 62	
Appropriation at annual meeting,	- 500 00	
	<u> </u>	\$728 62

EXPENDITURES.

Edwin Bacon, labor of men and teams,	- 495 62	
Lamson & Woodbury, for curbing,	- 99 60	
Leonard Cutler, labor and material around hearse house, - - -	- 51 54	
G. A. Cheney, for plants, - - -	- 24 32	
P. H. Carpenter & Co., drain pipe,	- 15 75	
Conant & Clarke, grass seed and tools,	7 70	
	<u> </u>	694 53
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,		\$34 09

NEW HEARSE HOUSE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1884, \$988 24	
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EXPENDITURES.

Leonard Cutler, furnishing materials and building hearse house, per contract, 988 24	
	----- \$988 24

SELEGTMEN.

BRIDGES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1,			
1884,	-	-	- \$156 85
Appropriation at annual meeting,	-		300 00
Old plank sold,	-	-	- 15 00
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			\$471 85

EXPENDITURES.

James & Abbott, hard pine lumber,	-	\$142 15	
Edwards Grain Co., hard pine lumber,		83 25	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, for lumber,	-	59 14	
Dwight Chamberlin, labor of self and men,		24 75	
Leonard Cutler, labor and material,	-	24 12	
Hamilton Woolen Co., labor on iron bridge,		20 21	
W. C. Lewis, material for repairing bridge,		10 87	
New York & New England railroad, freight			
on lumber from Boston,	-	21 86	
A. H. Wheeler, fare to Boston to purchase			
lumber,	-	3 36	
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			\$389 71
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,			<hr/>
			\$82 14

CHAPIN SREET WALK.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	-	\$550 00	
H. C. Wells, assessment,	-	117 63	
J. F. Parker, assessment,	-	37 25	
C. D. Paige, assessment,	-	45 09	
J. B. & N. Plante, assessment,	-	41 82	
Mrs. N. T. Bean, assessment,	-	49 66	
S. K. Edwards, assessment,	-	64 05	
			<u>\$905 50</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Lamson & Woodbury, curb stone,	-	\$419 45	
W. D. Morse, paid labor men and teams,		349 93	
Calvin Clafin, concreting,	-	209 86	
S. Dresser, gravel,	-	7 50	
American Optical Co., paving stone,	-	10 00	
John Tully, paving stone,	-	7 00	
T. Harrington, paving stone,	-	4 00	
Leonard Cutler, lumber,	-	6 18	
Morse Bros., man and team,	-	3 00	
A. C. Moore, surveying,	-	1 50	
			<u>\$1,018 42</u>
Account overdrawn March 1, 1885,	-	\$112 92	<u><u></u></u>

Order outstanding to this account,			
Catholic society, paving stone,	-	\$1 00	
Assessments unpaid,			
W. C. Barnes,	-	75 80	
Leonard Cutler,	-	78 42	
			<u>154 22</u>

CENTRAL STREET WALK.

 RECEIPTS.

Peter Martin, assessment paid,	-	-	-	\$49 95
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EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1884,	-	-	-	849 79
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Balance overdrawn March 1, 1885,	-	-	-	\$799 84
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Assessments unpaid,

S. C. Hartwell,	-	-	-	\$18 99
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M. J. Suprenant,	-	-	-	77 43
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N. Y. & N. E. R. R.,	-	-	-	72 98
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Thos. Potter,	-	-	-	70 91
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Mrs. H. W. Jackson,	-	-	-	66 61
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Lorenzo Morton, homestead,	-	-	-	76 81
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Lorenzo Morton, Holmes house,	-	-	-	33 31
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Alfred E. Holmes,	-	-	-	33 31
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 CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

 RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1,				
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1884,	-	-	-	\$ 4 78
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Appropriation,	-	-	-	800 00
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Appropriation Aug. 4,	-	-	-	500 00
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EXPENDITURES.

C. A. Dresser, land damages on Dresser street (See Remarks), -	-	\$378 42
Geo. H. Thayer, police duty, etc., -		114 40
Mrs. H. Oldham, damages paid for injury received on Sayles street, -		90 00
A. C. Moore, surveying, making plans and reports, -	-	86 50
A. J. Bartholomew, services connected with brook nuisance, -	-	50 00
Orville Fisher, examining brook nuisance,		25 00
Geo. A. Ellis, examining brook nuisance,		15 00
J. M. Cochran, legal services from May, 1882, to March 1884,	55 25	
Retainer's fee for one year,	25 00	
	-----	80 25
Mutual Gaslight Co., gas in town hall, -		41 60
Samuel Williams, conducting funerals,		47 00
E. C. Vinton, examination of circus horses,		30 00
Edwin Bacon, returning 73 deaths, -		18 25
Wm. C. Callahan, returning 53 deaths,		13 25
Henry A. Morse, paid for sundry office supplies, -	-	24 66
P. M. Clarke, officer's fees and police duty,		42 75
P. M. Clarke and S. S. Perry, police duty,		16 00
S. S. Perry, deputy sheriff, serving notices, etc., -	-	11 48
J. F. Parker, teams, -		24 50
Newton E. Putney, care of town clock, etc.,		25 75
H. A. Walbridge, painting road scraper,		10 00
Alexandre Lataille, for diseased horse, killing and burial of same, -		15 00
Jacob Booth, painting hearse \$20, and setting glass 60c, -	-	20 60

Amount carried forward,		\$1,180 41

Amount brought forward,	\$1,180 41	
A. H. Shepard, sprinkling streets,	-	10 00
A. H. Barrett, care town house, and shov- elling snow,	- -	18 00
Michael Farrell, labor,	- -	7 81
Geo. L. Winter, chimney top and nails,		5 16
L. E. Ferry, team,	- -	6 50
G. A. Dresser, setting bound stones,		8 50
Edwin Bacon, rent of barn to house hearse,		6 50
Stewart, Warren & Co., books,	-	9 00
Chas. D. Chase, material and labor in re- setting watering tub,	- -	8 75
Wm. C. Barnes, books,	- -	4 50
F. L. Chapin and H. A. Morse, appraising town property,	- -	7 50
Leonard Cutler, labor on town hall and Main street reservoir,	-	3 16
W. D. Morse, books, postage and express,		3 47
Dwight Chamberlain, labor and material on Pleasant street reservoir,	-	4 75
Conant & Clarke, cleaning drinking fount- ain, and hardware,	- -	5 02
J. J. Delehanty, returning 4 deaths,	-	1 00
A. L. Pelton, conducting funeral,	-	2 00
J. A. King, books and paper,	- -	1 75
J. S. Gleason, lantern,	- -	90
L. Phelps, lines,	- -	68
Morse Bros., 2 pails,	- -	60
	-----	\$1,295 96
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,		<u>\$8 82</u>

DECORATION DAY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	-	\$100 00	
		<u> </u>	\$100 00

EXPENDITURES.

A. F. Luther, paid for speaker, music, etc.,		88 65	
		<u> </u>	88 65
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,	-		\$11 35
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DRESSER STREET EXTENSION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account, March 1, 1884,		\$211 02	
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EXPENDITURES.

C. A. Dresser, land damages,	-	\$211 02	
		<u> </u>	\$211 02
(See Remarks)			

ENGINE MEN.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1884,		\$ 12 00	
Appropriation at annual meeting,	-	1,400 00	
		<u> </u>	\$1412 00

EXPENDITURES.

Five engineers,	-	-	-	\$200 00	
Steamer No. 1,	-	-	-	370 00	
Steamer No. 2,	-	-	-	370 00	
Hook and Ladder No. 1,		-		150 00	
Hook and Ladder No. 2,	-	-		150 00	
Steward steamer No. 1,	-	-		75 00	
Steward steamer No. 2,	-	-		75 00	
				<u>1390 00</u>	\$1390 00
Balance to credit this account, March 1, 1885,					<u>\$22 00</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1884,	\$305 50	
Appropriation at annual meeting,	- 800 00	
	<u>1,105 50</u>	1,105 50

EXPENDITURES.

E. S. Ellis, coal,	-	-	-	64 06	
A. S. Jackson, supplies,	-	-		61 79	
Bugbee & Wheeler, rubber coats,	-			49 50	
Hamilton Woolen Co, use of horses on steamers, and lumber,	-	-		46 05	
J. F. Parker and Son, use of horses at fires,				45 00	
Conant & Clarke, supplies,	-	-		27 04	
W. C. Lewis, supplies,	-	-		39 27	
Egan & Fairland, paint and labor,	-			22 72	
F. A. Shepard, use of horses on steamer,				21 00	
Amount carried forward,				<u>\$376 43</u>	

Amount brought forward,	\$376 43	
Cole Brothers, repairing springs and link blocks,	- - -	20 00
J. S. Gleason, supplies,	- - -	16 35
American Fire Hose Manufacturing Co., hose,	- - -	16 00
F. G. Bonnette, putting rings on rubber coats,	- - -	16 00
New England Telephone Co.,	- - -	12 50
Calvin Claffin, supplies and express on hose,		12 48
L. E. Ferry, use of horses,	- - -	7 50
Franklin Cady, repairing hose,	- - -	5 25
Andrew H. Simpson, repairing steamer,	- - -	5 65
Geo. S. Stone, repairing truck,	- - -	4 00
Alfred Marcille, repairing hose carriage,	- - -	3 00
Water Supply Co., water to engine house,	- - -	3 00
American Optical Co., one gallon oil,	- - -	1 10
J. T. McKinstry, labor in setting glass,	- - -	1 00
		<u>500 26</u>
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,		<u>\$605 24</u>

HIGHWAYS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	-	\$3,000 00	
Additional appropriation Nov. 4th,	-	800 00	
Stone bound sold,	- - -	1 20	
		<u>\$3,801 20</u>	

EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1884,	-	95 54	
A. H. Shepard, labor self, men and teams,		2,712 34	
Amount carried forward,		<u>\$2,807 88</u>	

Amount brought forward,	\$2,807 88
Geo. L. Winter, 240 feet 12-inch drain pipe, - - -	139 20
Tools, - - -	18 31
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W. D. Morse, paid labor men and teams,	156 63
Sylvester Dresser, 848 loads gravel, -	84 80
L. W. Curtis, gravel and leveling same,	55 80
A. H. Wheeler, paid for labor of men, -	65 40
Geo. S. Stone, repairing tools, and 68-lbs grate, - - -	61 42
A. H. Barrett, labor on highways, -	32 40
Amasa Haskell, repairing road from Dudley line to Bacon school house, - - -	20 00
Cutting brush, blasting, etc.,	5 00
	<hr/> 25 00
Litchfield Shuttle Co., 214 loads gravel, -	21 40
Lamson & Woodbury, 110 feet flagging,	22 00
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber, -	19 21
Joseph Williams, tools, - - -	16 40
P. H. Carpenter & Co., powder and fuse, -	11 22
Charles M. Morse, labor men and team,	10 20
Michael Farrell, labor and cement, -	9 38
Charles M. Morse, order outstanding 1883,	8 50
Conant & Clarke, labor and tools, -	7 11
James O'Brien, sharpening tools, - -	5 80
Henry Walker, labor self and team, -	5 65
John Tully, repairing Plimpton street, -	5 00
P. Fortier, repairing tools, - - -	4 80
W. C. Lewis, tools, - - - -	3 20
M. D. Morrill, cutting stone, -	3 50
Harrison Harwood, shovelling snow, -	2 84
C. A. Paige, paid for labor on highway,	1 94
Joseph Lavalley, self and team, - -	1 87
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$3,606 86

Amount brought forward,	\$3,606 86	
E. C. Ellis, salt, - - -	95	
Hamilton Woolen Co., 9 loads gravel, -	90	
Andrew McCabe, labor on highway, -	4 57	
	<u> </u>	\$3,613 28
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,		<u><u>\$187 92</u></u>

INTEREST.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1884,	\$ 79 39	
Appropriation at annual meeting, -	500 00	
	<u> </u>	579 39

EXPENDITURES.

Interest on Lucy H. Stowe's note, -	247 22	
Interest on money borrowed in anticipation of taxes, - - -	370 23	
	<u> </u>	617 45
Account overdrawn March 1, 1885, -		<u><u>\$38 06</u></u>

INSURANCE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1884,	\$25 85	
Appropriation at annual meeting, -	75 00	
	<u> </u>	100 85

EXPENDITURES.

E. M. Phillips & Son, on town house,	35	00	
On library,	-	44	00
		<u>79</u>	00
			<u>\$79 00</u>
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,			<u>\$21 85</u>

PRINTING.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1884,	\$33	29	
Appropriation at annual meeting,	-	250	00
		<u>283</u>	29

EXPENDITURES.

Geo. M. Whitaker, printing town re-			
port,	-	180	00
Printing sundries,	-	111	32
		<u>291</u>	32
Wm. W. Corbin, printing sundries,	-	32	85
		<u>324</u>	17
Account overdrawn March 1, 1885,	-		<u>\$40 88</u>

LAMP POSTS.

RECEIPTS,

Appropriation at annual meeting,	-	\$100	00
		<u>\$100</u>	00

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

EXPENDITURES.

Globe Gaslight Co., iron posts and lanterns,	\$100 00	
	<u> </u>	\$100 00

POLICE STATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account, March 1, 1884,	\$ 22 34	
Appropriation at annual meeting,	- \$200 00	
	<u> </u>	\$222 34

EXPENDITURES.

Liberty Reynolds, care of police station,	-	75 00	
Mutual Gaslight Co., gas at police station,		22 00	
Conant & Clarke, water pipe and hose,	-	20 06	
E. S. Ellis, coal,	-	16 08	
Southbridge Coal Co., coal,	-	13 24	
C. L. Smith, wood,	-	5 50	
W. P. Plimpton, wood,	-	5 25	
Joseph Williams, coal grate, and repairing			
eaves-trough,	-	5 00	
Water Supply Co., water for police station,		3 00	
Leonard Cutler, labor and material,	-	2 74	
Morse Bros., supplies,	-	1 20	
		<u> </u>	\$169 07
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,			<u>\$53 27</u>

RAILING HIGHWAYS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1884,	\$120 85	
Appropriation,	-	200 00
		<u>200 00</u>
		\$320 85

EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor self and men,	-	68 41	
Wm. D. Morse, paid for labor,	-	40 15	
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber,	-	38 24	
Egan & Farland, paint and labor,	-	11 35	
J. T. McKinstry, paint and labor,	-	8 44	
P. M. Clarke, paint and labor,	-	3 42	
Geo. S. Stone, iron posts and bolts,	-	15 41	
Charles M. Morse, railings,	-	31 16	
Leonard Cutler, labor and materials,	-	7 05	
A. H. Wheeler, paid for labor,	-	4 50	
		<u>228 13</u>	\$228 13
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,	-	<u>92 72</u>	\$92 72

SALARIES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	-	\$1,500 00	
		<u>1,500 00</u>	\$1,500 00

EXPENDITURES

Account overdrawn March 1, 1884,	-	277 82	
S. Hayward, order outstanding March 1,			
1884,	-	37 50	
		<u>315 32</u>	
Amount carried forward,		\$315 32	

Amount brought forward,	\$315 32	
J. J. Oakes, order outstanding March 1,		
1884, - - -	31 25	
Sylvanus Hayward, services as school com-		
mittee to Dec. 23, 1884, -	261 25	
James J. Oakes, services as school com-		
mittee to Dec. 23, 1884, -	250 00	
James M. Ammidown, services as school		
committee to Oct. 22, 1884,	138 75	
Samuel S. Perry, as assessor to Aug. 11,		
1884, - - -	95 00	
C. W. Weld, services as assessor 1884,	88 75	
James Lyon, services as assessor 1884,	65 00	
F. D. Dresser, S. S. Perry and H. T. Hyde		
as auditors from Aug. 1, 1883, to		
April 1, 1884, - - -	78 00	
Henry A. Morse, clerk of board registrars,	58 10	
John M. Cheney, registrar of voters, -	29 40	
Geo. A. Dresser, registrar of voters,	26 20	
S. K. Edwards, registrar of voters, -	23 80	
	<hr/>	1,460 82
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,		<u>\$39 18</u>
Orders outstanding,		
Selectmen—A. H. Wheeler, W. D.		
Morse, P. T. Litchfield, -	300 00	
Overseers of the Poor—C. A. Paige,		
E. M. Phillips, P. T. Litchfield,	300 00	
H. W. Bacon, collector for 1880, -	200 00	
F. L. Chapin, treasurer, -	150 00	
James M. Ammidown, school com-		
mittee, - - -	70 00	
J. J. Oakes, school committee,	55 00	
S. Hayward, school committee, -	36 25	
Henry A. Morse, town clerk, -	141 35	
S. S. Perry, services as assessor, -	52 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,305 10

SAYLES STREET WALK.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annnal meeting,	-	\$100 00	
Julius S. Gleason, assessment,	-	50 00	
		<u> </u>	150 00

EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Wheeler, paid labor men and teams,	83 70	
Calvin Claflin, concreting,	-	64 20
Hamilton Woolen Co., man and team,	14 50	
J. F. Parker, man and team,	-	1 75
	<u> </u>	164 15
Account overdrawn March i, 1885,	-	<u>\$14 15</u>

SIDEWALKS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation,	-	-	\$300 00	
			<u> </u>	300 00

EXPENDITURES

Account overdrawn March 1, 1884,	-	29 86
Calvin Claflin, concreting,	-	121 37
A. H. Wheeler, paid for labor,	-	64 50
Wm. J. Keith, amount paid for concreting		
walk as per vote of the town,	-	17 50
W. D. Morse, paid for labor,	-	10 50
J. M. & L. D. Clemence, lumber for repairs,	12 18	
	<u> </u>	
Amount carried forward.		\$255 91

Amount brought forward,	\$ 255 91	
Hamilton Woolen Co., drain pipe and labor,	7 50	
Leonard Cutler, labor and material, -	3 06	
Wm. C. Lewis, nails, -	2 40	
Southbridge Coal Co., cement, -	1 90	
Verney Fiske, repairing walk, -	1 00	
	<hr/>	271 77
Balance to credit account March 1, 1885, -		<hr/> <u>\$28 23</u>

STREET LIGHTS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	-	1,500 00	
Oil barrels returned, -	-	25 74	
By cash, -	-	3 00	
		<hr/>	1,528 74

EXPENDITURES.

Account overdrawn March 1, 1884, -	\$278 88	
Globe Gaslight Co., naptha and supplies,	333 83	
Mutual Gaslight Co., gas, -	480 00	
Repairs, -	23 54	
	<hr/>	503 54
N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., freight, -	28 46	
Conant & Clarke, supplies and labor,	7 45	
Wm. B. Berry & Co., one gallon alcohol,	1 75	
Jacob Booth, setting glass, -	10 45	
A. H. Barrett, care street lamps, -	264 66	
Michael O'Connell, care street lamps, -	275 45	
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Amount carried forward,	\$1,704 47	

Amount brought forward,	\$1,704 47	
Joseph Williams, repairing street lamps,	1 05	
James O'Brien, repairing street lamps, -	1 10	
P. M. Clarke, painting street lamps and posts and setting glass, -	55 90	
Geo. S. Stone, repairing lamps, -	10 50	
James T. McKinstry, painting and setting glass, - - -	5 36	
Newton E. Putney, repairing lamps, -	75	
Morse Bros., matches, - - -	1 05	
	<hr/>	1,780 18
Account overdrawn March 1, 1885,	-	<u>\$251 44</u>

Outstanding orders,

Globe Gaslight Co., - - -	1 50
Globe Gaslight Co., - - -	54 67
Globe Gaslight Co., - - -	2 80
P. M. Clarke, - - -	3 87
M. O'Connell, - - -	54 00
Mutual Gaslight Co., - - -	48 00
W. C. Lewis, - - -	66
Bugbee & Wheeler, - - -	2 42
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	\$167 92

STATE AID.

RECEIPTS.

Balance to credit this account March 1, 1884,	\$358 31	
Received from state treasurer, - - -	154 00	
	<hr/>	\$512 31

EXPENDITURES.

Anthony Deon,	-	-	-	48 00	
Julia Seymour,	-	-	-	44 00	
Patrick Gleason,	-	-	-	38 00	
Thomas Welch,	-	-	-	32 00	
Fred L. Holmes,	-	-	-	4 00	
Lucis Mountain,	-	-	-	3 00	
				<u>169 00</u>	
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,					\$343 31

WATER SUPPLY COMPANY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting, hydrants,	\$480 00	
Drinking fountain,	100 00	
	<u>580 00</u>	\$580 00

EXPENDITURES.

Southbridge Water Supply Co.,	580 00	
	<u>580 00</u>	<u>580 00</u>

NEW TOWN WAY NEAR NATHAN McKINSTRY'S.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	\$200 00	
	<u>200 00</u>	200 00

EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor men and teams,	- 183 00	<u>183 00</u>
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,		<u><u>\$17 00</u></u>



NEW TOWN WAY OFF MILL STREET—BARTLETT STREET.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	- \$100 00	<u>100 00</u>
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EXPENDITURES.

A. H. Shepard, labor men and teams,	- 63 00	<u>63 00</u>
Balance to credit this account March 1, 1885,		<u><u>\$37 00</u></u>

VALUATIONS.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN FOR 1884.

Valuation of real estate, - - -	\$2,207,639 00
Valuation of personal estate, - - -	885,143 50
	<u>\$3,092,782 50</u>
Gain on real estate, - - -	24,150 00
Loss on personal estate, - - -	11,634 00
Total gain, - - -	<u>\$12,516 00</u>
Total tax--State, County and Town, -	\$49,763 15
Rate of taxation, - - -	- 15 10
Total number of polls, - - -	- 1,657
Total number of horses, - - -	- 430
Total number of cows, - - -	- 410
Total number of sheep, - - -	- 94
Total number of dwelling houses, -	- 787
Total number of acres of land, - -	<u>12,107</u>

VALUATION OF CENTER WATCH DISTRICT.

Value of real and personal estate, -	\$1,093,618 00
Loss in valuation over 1883, - -	64,830 50
Amount raised by taxation, - - -	800 00
Rate of taxation, - - -	<u>74</u>

ACCOUNTS.	Appropriations and receipts.	Expenditures.	Unexpended.	Deficiency paid and unpaid.	Outstanding.	Appropriations recommended.
Abatement of taxes	\$1,604 30	\$1,398 64	\$205 66	. . . .	. . . .	\$500 00
Bridges	471 85	389 71	82 14	. . . .	. . . .	400 00
Cemetery improvements	728 62	694 53	34 09	. . . .	. . . .	350 00
Common schools	8,219 83	8,054 47	165 36	. . . .	. . . .	8,500 00
Contingent acc't schools	2,738 01	2,944 26	. . . .	260 01	53 76	2 300 00
Contingent expenses	1,304 78	1,295 96	8 82	. . . .	. . . .	800 00
Do., voted Aug 4	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	500 00
Dress-r st. extension	211 02	211 02	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Discount on taxes	5,779 97	4,757 38	1022 59	. . . .	. . . .	4,500 00
Engine men	1,412 00	1,390 00	22 00	. . . .	. . . .	2,000 00
Enforcement license law	130 00	. . . .	130 00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Fire department	1,105 50	500 26	605 24	. . . .	. . . .	500 00
High school	2,088 38	1,795 67	292 71	. . . .	. . . .	2 200 00
Highways	3,801 20	3 613 28	187 92	. . . .	. . . .	3,000 00
Do., voted Nov. 4	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	800 00
Hearse house	988 24	988 24	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Insurance	100 85	79 00	21 85	. . . .	. . . .	75 00
Interest	579 39	617 45	. . . .	38 06	. . . .	400 00
Lamp posts	100 00	100 00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Memorial day	100 00	88 65	11 35	. . . .	. . . .	100 00
New town way, Bartlett st	100 00	63 00	37 00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
New town way, Barefoot	200 00	183 00	17 00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Outside poor	3,944 40	3,871 36	73 04	. . . .	. . . .	3,500 00
Police station	222 34	169 07	53 27	. . . .	. . . .	200 00
Payment of debts	11,450 00	11 450 00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Printing	283 29	324 17	. . . .	40 88	. . . .	350 00
Public library	1,844 77	1,789 89	54 88	. . . .	. . . .	1,500 00
						& dog fund
Railing highways	320 85	228 13	92 72	. . . .	. . . .	200 00
Sidewalks, repairs	300 00	271 77	28 23	. . . .	. . . .	650 00
Chapin st. (*)	905 50	1,018 42	. . . .	113 92	1 00	. . . .
Central st. (*)	49 95	849 79	. . . .	799 84	. . . .	. . . .
Sayles st.	150 00	164 15	. . . .	14 15	. . . .	. . . .
Salaries	1,500 00	1,460 82	39 18	1265 92	1305 10	3,200 00
School apparatus	148 10	35 50	112 60	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
School committee	558 07	500 00	58 07	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
State aid	512 31	169 00	343 31	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Street lights	1,528 74	1,780 18	. . . .	419 36	167 92	1 950 00
Support of poor	2,100 55	2,123 75	. . . .	23 20	. . . .	1,500 00
Water Supply Co.	580 00	580 00	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	580 00
West Dudley road	500 00	499 16	84	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
	\$58,662 81	\$56,449 68	\$3699 87	\$2975 34	\$1527 78	\$40,555 00

* Assessments unpaid—Chapin street, \$154.22; Central street, \$450.35.

REMARKS.

In the settlement of C. A. Dresser's claim for land damages on Dresser Street Extension, amounting to \$589.44, including expenses, this account was charged with \$211.02 to balance, and contingent account charged with \$378.42.

The Appropriations of \$500.00, August 4, for contingent account, and \$800.00, November 4, for highways, are not included in the Treasurer's account, hence these accounts show debit balance.

F. D. DRESSER,
C. W. JOHNSON,
AUGUSTUS COOK,
Board of Auditors.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Library Committee.

REPORT.

The Library Committee respectfully present their Fifteenth Annual Report, for the year ending February 28, 1885:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation at annual meeting,	-	\$1.500 00	
Dog fund for 1883,	-	363 96	
Received by librarian for fines, cards, etc.,		80 81	
		<hr/>	1,844 77

EXPENDITURES.

Miss A. J. Comins, librarian, for services and expenses paid by her,	-	771 16	
Mutual Gaslight Co., for gas one year,		179 60	
W. P. Plimpton, for fuel,	-	5 75	
Southbridge Coal Co., for coal,	-	66 14	
Estes & Lauriat, and others, for books, periodicals and binding,	-	646 89	
Library Bureau, for supplies,	-	67 25	
G. M. Whitaker, for printing, etc.,		37 95	
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Amount carried forward,		\$1,774 74	

Amount brought forward,	\$1,774 74	
Library Association, for membership fees,	2 00	
H. Hobbs, for labor,	4 18	
S. Williams, labor and materials,	3 25	
G. L. Winter, labor and materials,	5 45	
Debit balance, March 1, 1884,	27	
Balance,	54 88	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$1,844 77</u>

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Balance to debit of account March 1, 1884,	\$ 53 18	
Expended during the year,	646 89	
	<u> </u>	\$700 07
Appropriation for this account,	-	700 00
Debit balance,	-	<u>07</u>

REMARKS.

The Committee made their annual examination of the Library on February 23d, and found the same in its usual good condition, all the books being on the shelves, or accounted for.

A misconception about the Library and Reading Room has got abroad in the community, by reason of the lease of the rooms, which prohibits the purchase of sectarian literature. The prohibition does not prohibit the receipt of donations. So far as our knowledge goes no such donation has ever been rejected, but in order to allay any popular misunderstanding

and place ourselves square on the issue, the Committee has by a vote expressed a willingness to accept such kinds of donations.

To defray the expenses for the ensuing year we recommend the appropriation of \$1,500.00 and the dog fund of 1884. As in former years, we append herewith the report of our Librarian, which is made a part of our own.

Respectfully submitted by the Library Committee.

C. D. MONROE, Secretary.

Public Library, March 2, 1885.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

No year since the establishment of our Library has more fully illustrated its advantages. As may be seen from the tables of our report, over two thousand more books have been issued than the previous year, and quite a large number more used within the rooms. This increase, doubtless, is due largely to the fact that so many persons have been without employment. But perhaps quite as much may be attributed to the fact that we have had more help for the work, and thus have been able to render more assistance to those desiring aid in their selections. That the real educational possibilities of an institution like this may be in any degree fulfilled, it must be seen that much time and attention need to be bestowed upon those who frequent the Library as students. Also the aid and guidance possible to give to our boys and girls in their selections for home reading, would be, with time at our disposal to use in this way, almost unlimited. The most important work added to the Library the past year is Poole's Index of Periodical Literature. This work, while very useful to us now, would be of much more value with more bound periodical literature. Persons having magazines or reviews that they do not wish to retain, would, by placing them in the Library, give them a value they can not have except within reach of this Index. Important United States documents added (the gift of Hon. W. W. Rice) are the tenth census (1880), Agricultural and Manufacturing Statistics, reports upon

Cotton Production, and the Newspaper and Periodical Press. Of war reports, the most important is the third volume of the Surgical History of the War. Some idea of the classes of books purchased may be gained by consulting the table under the heading "Classification." As usual in Public Libraries, the demand for works of fiction is greater than for any other. But in this respect our Library bears a favorable comparison with others. The Natural History rooms have had, as usual, a good share of attention. There have been in this department 1231 visitors.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

	March 1, 1884.	Added from March 1, 1884, to March 1, 1885.	Withdrawn from March 1, 1884, to March 1, 1885.	Total No. in the Library March 1, 1885.
Books in Library, - - -	9,774	415	9	10180
Pamphlets in Library, - -	1,183	100	168	1115
Periodicals (odd numbers) in Library,	261		16	245
Total unbound material, -	1,444	100	184	1,360

ACCESSIONS.

Purchases, - - - -	249
Binding of periodicals and pamphlets, -	88
Exchange of Mr. Ammidown's histories for other histories	6
Gifts, - - - -	72
	<u>415</u>
Deduct withdrawals,, - - - -	9
	<u>406</u>
Add number in Library March 1, 1884, - -	9,774
Present number in Library, - -	<u><u>10,180</u></u>

CLASSIFICATION.

[ACCESSIONS AND CIRCULATION.]

	RANK OF CLASSES.	No. added.	No. in the Library.	No. cir- culated.	Per- centage.
1	Fiction, - -	59	1053	8721	51.6
2	Juvenile Works, -	24	727	3698	21.88
3	History, - -	18	924	695	4.11
4	Biography, - -	28	867	641	3.79
5	Travels and Description,	16	576	782	4.62
6	Poetry and Drama, -	13	463	297	1.75
7	Scientific and Educational,	18	555	310	1.83
8	Literary and Æsthetical,	16	753	404	2.39
9	Religious and Philosophical,	23	372	185	1.09
10	Complete Works, -	00	255	92	.54
11	Miscellaneous Works,	20	315	261	1.61
12	Bound Periodicals, -	50	703	428	2.53
13	Agricultural Works,	3	126	83	.49
14	Law Documents, [reserved]	2	161	000	.00
15	Mass. Public Documents,	8	304	10	.05
16	U. S. Public Documents,	28	568	10	.05
17	French Books, -	14	39	249	1.47
R.	Reserved Section, [issued by special permit]	47	427	35	.20
D.	Duplicates, - -	13	285	00	.00
A.L.	Ammidown Library,	6	707	00	.00
		406	10,180	16,901	100.00

RANK OF MONTHS.

USE IN LIBRARY. 1883	1884	HOME USE.	1883	1884
1 March, - -	240 249	1 March, -	1649	1619

2 April, -	275	280	2 April, -	1301	1360
3 May, - -	225	298	3 May, -	1104	1367
4 June, -	200	275	4 June, -	1055	1189
5 July, - -	360	395	5 July, -	966	1297
6 August, -	205	204	6 August, -	1158	1295
7 September, -	207	289	7 September, -	1038	1203
8 October, -	260	344	8 October, -	1105	1258
9 November, -	307	260	9 November, -	1142	1271
10 December, -	242	320	10 December, -	1321	1546
11 January, -	275	342	11 January, -	1420	1861
12 February, -	309	403	12 February, -	1480	1635
Total, -	<u>3,105</u>	<u>3,659</u>	Total, -	<u>14,739</u>	<u>16,901</u>

CIRCULATION.

From March 1, 1884, to March 1, 1885.

AGGREGATE.

Total number of volumes consulted at the library, -	3,659
Total number taken for home use, - -	16,901
Total circulation of books, - - -	<u>20,560</u>

USE OF LIBRARY WITHIN THE ROOM.

Largest use on any day, - - -	Feb. 26, 38
Smallest use on any day, - - -	July 15, 1
Average use per day, - - -	12

ISSUED FOR HOME USE.

Largest number issued any day, - -	Feb. 28, 151
Smallest number issued any day, - -	Jan. 1, 16
Average issue per day, - - -	56

NUMBER WHO HAVE TAKEN BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY.

Accounts open from the beginning,	-	-	3,244
Accounts cancelled from the beginning,	-	-	1,720
Accounts opened the past year,	-	-	217
Accounts now open,	-	-	1,524

DONORS AND GIFTS.

	Books. Pamphlets.	
Albee, Linus C.,	-	1
Ammidown, E. H.,	-	2
Angell, George T.,	-	1
Bartholomew, A. J.,	-	1
Boston Public Library,	-	5
Bowker, R. R., N. Y.,	-	1
Brookline Public Library,	-	1
Chapin, F. H.,	-	5
Clemence, Mrs. Fidelia,	-	4
Cole, R. H.,	-	1
Commonwealth,	-	4
Concord Public Library,	-	1
Dean, Frank H.,	-	1
Handsworth, England, Public Library,	-	1
Hartford Library Association,	-	2
Fall River Public Library,	-	1
Jillson, Hon. Clark,	-	2
Leicester Academy, Trustees of,	-	1
Leicester Public Library,	-	1
Lovell, J. W. & Co., N. Y.,	-	1
Massachusetts Infant Asylum,	-	1
Morris, Andrew J.,	-	16
Number carried forward,	-	30
		40

Number brought forward, -	-	30	40
Newton, Massachusetts, Public Library, -	-		2
Phillips, E. M., -	-		1
Providence Public Library, -	-		1
Rice, Hon. W. W., -	-	31	12
Rockport, Massachusetts, Public Library, -	-		1
Rogers, Mrs. Anne B., -	-		1
Rothersham, England, Public Library, -	-		1
San Francisco Public Library, -	-		1
Sampson, Davenport & Co., Boston, -	-	1	
Smithsonian Institution, -	-	3	1
Southbridge Town Officers, -	-	6	2
Swansea, England, Public Library, -	-		1
Whitaker, Geo. M., -	-		35
Worcester Free Institute, -	-		1
Worcester Public Library, -	-	1	
		<u>72</u>	<u>100</u>

GIFTS TO READING ROOM.

Ammidown, E. H., "American Protectionist" and "Commercial Bulletin."

Corbin, W. W., "Southbridge Herald."

Gray, Henry C., "Chelsea Record."

Hayward, Rev. S., "Le Republican."

Nichols and Johnson, "Webster Eagle."

Paige, C. A., "New York Weekly Tribune."

Seventh Day Adventist Society, "Signs of the Times."

Whitaker, Geo. M., "Southbridge Journal," for file.

GIFTS TO MUSEUM.

Ammidown, Lucius E. Specimen of quartrose conglomerate, cemented by iron; found at the brick yard back of Dresser hill.

Buell, Miss Jennie. A fan made of wood, cut by Capt. Jeremiah Pressey, of N. Y. City.

Chandler, Master Walter. Two pieces of Chinese money; one, value, five cents; the other, one cent.

Cole, R. H. Fifteen deeds, bearing dates from 1793-1825.

Stevens, Charles. A piece of Cuban money, value, five cents; a horse shoe, over which wood has grown; a piece of flint from the field where the massacre was, near Fort Kearney, in Nebraska; a peice of marble, from an old palace in Genoa, Italy; quartz from Montevideo, Uruguay, S. A., picked up the day Gen. Lopaz entered Montevideo.

Cole, R. H. Two deeds; one dated 1763, conveying land in Charlton from Henry Morse to John Dresser; the other dated 1782, conveying land in Dudley from Edward Davis to Josiah Hovey.

FINANCIAL.

RECEIPTS.

Fines,	-	-	-	-	\$47 96
Cards,	-	-	-	-	8 38
Catalogues,	-	-	-	-	22 35
Damaged Book,	-	-	-	-	50
Waste Paper,	-	-	-	-	12
D. Baker, of Charlton, taking books six months,					1 50

 \$80 81

EXPENDITURES.

Express and freight,	-	-	\$11 53
Postage,	-	-	7 56
Stationery and extra papers and magazines,			6 12
Mucilage, rubber bands, and muslin for repairing books,	-	-	2 63
Alcohol, insect powder, and benzine, for museum,	-	-	1 00
Gas-lighters, twine, basket, disinfectant,			2 05
Labor and repairs,	-	-	5 04
Charcoal, saw, brooms and brushes,			4 80
Cleaning,	-	-	24 43
Work on numerical catalogue,	-		6 00
A. H. Barrett and others, for care of rooms and fires,	-	-	50 00
J. Smith and M. Kelley, for work at desk and museum,	-	-	50 00
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			\$171 16

A. JEANNETTE COMINS

Librarian.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FIRE ENGINEERS

R E P O R T.

The Board of Engineers have the honor of presenting for your consideration their annual report, giving the condition of the department for the year ending February 28, 1885, and reviewing its workings the past year. We also consider it our duty to point out its defects, and to recommend such measures as we deem necessary to improve its efficiency.

MANUAL FORCE.

The manual force consists of a chief and four assistant engineers, two steamer companies of fifteen men each, two hook and ladder companies of ten men each, also eleven horses subject to the call of the department. The morale of the department never was better; the promptness of which all orders have been obeyed, and the good feeling existing throughout the entire department, are facts of which we feel justly proud, and feel that they will compare favorably with any similar department in the state.

BUILDINGS.

It has been the intention of the board to put a concrete floor in No. 1 house this spring, as soon as the weather will permit; also a cement floor in Hook and Ladder room No. 1, as we have sufficient funds saved from former appropriations for doing the work.

The house at Globe Village is in the same condition as at the

time of my last report, and in our judgment needs radical treatment.

WATER SUPPLY.

We feel that we ought again to call the attention of the voters of the town to our recommendations of last year in regard to the water supply in the new village, and earnestly recommend that the town appropriate a sufficient sum (in connection with the Water Supply Company) as will insure the laying of the pipe as recommended in our last report. We think it would give better satisfaction, and we know it would be far more efficient than to put the money into cisterns.

HORSES.

We feel it our duty to say a few words in regard to horses. We do not say it in a spirit of censure, on the contrary we feel that to those who furnish horses for the department that we are under many obligations for the kind and courteous manner in which all of our demands have been complied with.

During the past season the parties who furnish horses had business requiring them to be out of town, or to be too far away to be of any use in case of an alarm, in which case the board of engineers are powerless to protect the property of the citizens of the town.

We feel that this is the weakest point in our line, and judging from the past if the voters of the town are half as liberal in their appropriations before a disaster as they are with their criticisms after, we shall be able to remedy the defect. Many towns are considering the plan of owning their fire horses and working them on the highway. I visited one town this winter where the plan had been adopted and was giving entire satisfaction.

ALARM.

The telephone service did not give satisfaction, and has been discontinued. One of the greatest needs of the department is a good, reliable fire alarm service, and I recommend that we

profit by the experience of other towns and put in the telegraph fire alarm which we know to be reliable.

A liberal policy in the management of the fire department we believe to be the true one, as it is always better to be prepared for an emergency than to follow a serious fire by extensive preparations to prevent another. While the board believe it their duty to administer the trust reposed in them economically, they are of the opinion that efficiency is the first consideration. They believe that in this view they will be upheld by the voters of the town. This view we think is one of true economy. A non-efficient fire department would be costly at any price. We have aimed to give to the citizens of Southbridge an efficient fire department, and we think we have in a measure succeeded in doing so.

FIREMAN'S RELIEF FUND.

We wish to speak of the value of this fund and to commend it to public favor. Its object is to help firemen over the rough places when incapacitated from their usual work by injuries received, or sickness resulting from exposure while on duty.

To all who have aided us in our work we desire to tender our thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN CLAFLIN, Chief Engineer.



ROLL CALL FOR 1884-5.

ENGINEERS.

Calvin Claflin, Chief.

A. H. Cozzens, 1st Asst. and Clerk.

B. Stone, 2d Asst.

J. W. Robinson, 3d Asst.

M. Egan, 4th Asst.

STEAMER COMPANY NO. I.

John S. Williams, Foreman.

David A. Reeves, Assistant Foreman. Chas. P. Phipps, Clerk.

Joseph Fallows, Engineer. F. C. Cady, Assistant Engineer.

George Bartlett, Fireman.

James M. Marble, Eugene Comstock, W. S. Felton, A. E.

Morton, Joseph Bebo, A. E. Buell, Robert Moore, J. E. Williams;

E. L. Gay and H. C. Pellett, substitutes.

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY NO. I.

George V. Moulton, Foreman.

M. L. Dillaber, Assistant. Foreman.

J. W. Boak, Clerk.

E. A. Brown, A. M. Higgins, Charles Stone, L. Duquette, P.

Duquette, A. Clark, R. T. Herron; Thomas Curley, substitute.

STEAMER COMPANY NO. 2.

A. L. McComber, Foreman.

Luke Reilly, Assistant Foreman. John C. Barnes, Clerk
 Andrew Simpson, Engineer. Geo. Simpson, Asst. Engineer.
 James Ryan, Fireman.

Fred Fiske, Geo. W. Upham, Geo. H. Thayer, Thos. Burnes,
 Moses Marchesault, James Holden, William Bartlett, John
 Parker, Frank Seveary.

HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY NO. 2.

John Splaine, Foreman.

John J. Ryan, Assistant Foreman. Edward Hogan, Clerk.
 Thos. Ryan, Michael Breen, John Cuddihy, William Kennedy,
 Thomas Shea, Patrick Ward, Edward Splaine.

 LIST OF FIRES.

March 20. Albert Belknap's house. Partial loss. Full department out three hours. Cause unknown.

May 19. A. Deslaurier's building. Full department out two and one-quarter hours. Cause: Spark from neighboring chimney. Damage, \$300.

June 8. Brush on Goodell farm. Department not out.

July 2. Old wooden mill of Hamilton Woolen Company, at Westville. Full department out. Cause, lightning. Damage, light.

August 9. Mill, brick and wood. Mrs. Harriet Tyler, of

Providence, owner. Full department out three hours. Cause, thought to be incendiary. Loss, \$90,000.

A. H. COZZENS, Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN.

REPORT.

HIGHWAYS.

We congratulate the town upon the excellent condition of all our roads and streets during the year, though it must be borne in mind that no heavy rains or freshets have visited us to wash out and damage our highways, as has often been the case. At the annual town meeting a deficiency of \$95.54 was reported against this account, and the sum of \$3,000.00 was appropriated. This being overdrawn by necessary and unexpected repairs, the town was asked, at the meeting in November, for an additional appropriation of \$800.00 to pay outstanding bills, and to provide for emergencies during the winter.

A complaint from C. S. Edmonds of damage to his land, made it necessary to construct a drain on South Marcy street, from Main street to the brook, which created an expense of upwards of \$200.00, thus showing one of the unexpected calls upon this account. Deducting the deficiency above named the available funds for repairs of highways for the year have been \$3,704.46. A balance to the credit of this account of \$187.92 makes the cost of repairs of our highways \$506.04 less than for the previous year.

We have no fault to find with the manner in which the

Highway Surveyor has performed his duties, but we hold to the same opinion we have entertained heretofore, that as the Selectmen are mainly responsible for the conduct of town business, and to them only are complaints made concerning any defects in repairs of highways, the board of Selectmen should be elected Highway Surveyors, who would then have control of, and be responsible for, the management of the highways.

SPECIAL HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

At the annual town meeting an appropriation of \$500.00 was granted for special repairs of the highway near and east of the house of C. Abbot. The Selectmen employed the Highway Surveyor to perform this work, which was done to general satisfaction, including railing the same, leaving a balance to credit of this account of eighty-four cents.

NEW TOWN WAY NEAR NATHAN McKINSTRY'S.

The town at the annual meeting made an appropriation of \$200.00 to complete this work. This was done under the supervision of the Highway Surveyor, and we believe to the satisfaction and accommodation of the public, and a balance of \$17.00 remains to the credit of this account.

BARTLETT STREET.

This was a way petitioned for and running a short distance north from Mill street, between the Marcy and Bartlett estates, for which the town applied the sum of \$100.00. The work was completed at a cost of \$63.00, leaving a balance of \$37.00 to credit of this account.

BRIDGES.

Early in the season, it was found necessary to make somewhat extensive repairs on the iron bridge across Main street, which was thoroughly done at a cost of \$187.00; \$21.86 of which was for freight on plank. The Pleasant street bridge, over McKinstry brook, has also been repaired in a substantial manner at an expense of \$83.89.

Mill street bridge has been widened and thoroughly repaired at a cost of \$94.12.

Elm street bridge was found to be in dangerous condition, and unsafe stringers were replaced by new ones, and the whole put in safe repair at an expense of \$24.12.

The whole cost of repairs on bridges amounts to \$389.71, leaving a balance to credit of this account of \$82.14.

CONTINGENT.

This account has been heavily drawn upon by the settlement of C. A. Dresser's award for damages on Dresser street extension, \$378.42 (see report in another place), and the necessary expense in carrying out of the vote of the town in relation to Central brook nuisance, and procuring plans and estimates for a proposed sewer (mentioned in another place), amounting to upwards of \$100.00.

For proper balances of this account see the report of auditors.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

We have only words of commendation for the excellent and economical management of this indispensable department.

From chief to subordinate we are confident that entire harmony and discipline prevails. Referring to the auditors report it will be seen that a balance of \$605.24 remains to the credit of this account.

STREET LIGHTS.

The year commenced with a deficiency of \$278.88, which deducted from \$1500.00 appropriated, left but \$1221.12 available funds.

The expenses have been increased by additional lamps, and the account is overdrawn to the amount of \$251.54. There are now outstanding orders unpaid amounting to \$166.42, besides one outstanding bill of Mutual Gas Light Co., \$48.00, making it necessary to raise the amount of \$495.96 to cover deficiency.

SIDEWALKS.

This account began the year with a deficiency of \$29.86, which deducted from the appropriation, left but \$270.14 available for repairs of sidewalks.

The money has been judiciously applied, the walks put in good repair and a balance of \$28.23 remains to credit of sidewalk account.

A new sidewalk, by vote of the town, has been constructed on the west side of Chapin street, from Main to Dresser street, for which an appropriation of \$500.00 was made. Also on the east side, from Main street to the rear of Memorial block, for which the town appropriated \$50.00, making in all \$550.00. The whole cost of construction amounts to \$1,019.42. The assessments which have been collected and paid to the town treasurer, added to the appropriation, amounts to \$905.50, leaving a balance against this account of \$112.92.

Two outstanding assessments, paid since the close of the year, amounting to \$154.22, leave a balance to credit of this account of \$40.30.

We desire to call attention to the condition of some of the sidewalk work performed by out of town parties two or three years since, which we consider very improperly done, and must soon need thorough repairs. We hope the town will grant the appropriation recommended for sidewalk work.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

Under the provisions of the acts of 1884, chapter 298, three citizens were appointed within the legal time; one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year, who, together with the town clerk, constitute under the provisions of said acts a legal board of Registrars of Voters.

The compensation of said board, to the amount of \$137.50, was drawn from account of salaries of town officers.

This act did not become a law until May 29, 1884, and hence was not provided for by appropriation at the annual meeting.

We appointed S. K. Edwards for three years; John M. Cheney for two years; and Geo. A. Dresser for one year.

SEWER.

It will be remembered that at the annual town meeting the Selectmen were instructed to procure the advisory services of two practical sanitary engineers to advise with regard to the "brook nuisance on Main and Central streets."

Acting under this instruction the board employed Messrs. Fisher, of Providence, R. I., and Ellis, of Springfield, gentlemen of undoubted ability, who, after a thorough examination of the "brook" and its tributaries, advised in an elaborate report the construction of a brick main drain or sewer, of sufficient capacity to accommodate the flow of water at all times in said brook, and provide drainage for Main and Chapin streets, and houses along the line of the brook.

The board having full confidence in the recommendations of the engineers, procured a survey, plans and estimates of cost of construction of a sewer ample for the requirements; issued legal notices to owners of land and parties interested, and reported the same to the town at a legal meeting held August 4. The report, however, after being debated thoroughly, was rejected.

On the 8th of August a petition signed by leading citizens and land owners, was laid before the board praying that a main drain

or common sewer might be "laid out in such a manner as shall abate the nuisance caused by the brook that runs through the Center Village." Proceeding in a legal manner the board reported substantially the same plans and estimates as at the former meeting, to a legal meeting held October 13, but the town refused to accept the report of the Selectmen.

The board, however, still hold to the opinion that the plan reported by them to the town, would be the most effective means of abating a nuisance that is becoming more and more obnoxious.

It is due to the necessary expense attending the carrying out the vote of the town in relation to the foregoing, that the contingent account is so largely overdrawn.

DRESSER STREET EXTENSION.

This account was not settled at the close of last year for the reason that Mr. C. A. Dresser refused to accept the offer of \$250.00 for land taken for this street. A threatened suit at law was avoided by an agreement between the town and Mr. Dresser to leave the matter to the judgment of three disinterested men. Such men were chosen, who were approved by the court, who on the 13th day of May viewed the street in question and listened to testimony relating to the same; and later reported to the court an award to Mr. Dresser of \$500.00 and relief from costs.

The judgment of the referees, together with the costs, amount to \$589.44. This absorbs the sum of \$211.02 which remained to this account unexpended, together with \$378.42 from the contingent appropriation.

PERAMBULATION OF TOWN LINES.

Requests from the Selectmen of the towns of Sturbridge, Charlton and Dudley, of this state, and Woodstock, Conn., were complied with and the respective town lines perambulated,

monuments and bounds reset when necessary, and marked and dated in compliance with the law.

OUT OF DEBT.

It is very gratifying that we are enabled to report that the last outstanding obligation against the town has been cancelled, and that the town of Southbridge is free from debt. The citizens are to be congratulated on this happy event, and all the more so from the fact that we have not stinted ourselves, or failed to meet all necessary requirements. We have even done more than this, we have been very liberal and have exercised a spirit of generosity hardly excelled in any town in this commonwealth; so that today Southbridge has a reputation of being one of the most pleasant, most improved, most prosperous and picturesque towns in New England. She also has the reputation of having the best highways and the cleanest streets in Worcester County; we have also constructed thousands of feet of brick and concrete side-walks with granite curbing, at an expense of thousands of dollars. Our fire department is unexcelled; our schools are above the average; our poor have been generously cared for. In fact Southbridge stands at the head in almost every department. Notwithstanding our liberality, the taxes have been kept within bounds; they have not been exorbitant, and have been low as compared with our neighboring towns. Nevertheless, we must not be unmindful of future improvements. Nuisance brook should be abolished now and forever; we need better high school accommodations; we have something over nine hundred voters, and it would be impossible for more than one-half to be admitted to the town hall at any one time; the Water Supply Co. should be encouraged to lay a pipe down High street, thence to Union, through New Village to Hamilton street.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. WHEELER,
W. D. MORSE,
P. T. LITCHFIELD,

March 1, 1885.

Selectmen.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT.

OUTSIDE POOR.

The charges to Outside Poor of \$3871.00 include \$711.00 for hospital bills for the insane; \$544.00 for paupers in other towns having settlements in this town; \$263.00 for state paupers; \$311.00 for paupers in this town having settlements in other towns; \$36.00 for tramps; \$43.00 for last year's deficiency; total, \$1908. This shows the amount paid out in the town \$1963.00, against \$1998.00 last year, a decrease of \$35.00. The business depression the past year, the destruction by fire of one important manufacturing establishment, the partial suspension of work in other industrial establishments, with small demand for general labor, has caused many calls for aid. With all these difficulties the amount paid out is less than last year, with an increase of \$328 paid to other towns more than last year.

Three hundred and fifty-nine tramps have been cared for against 124 last year.

Inmates at Worcester Hospital are Lydia Fisk, Francis E. Scarborough, Catharine Tynon, Daniel Smith, Catharine Karney, Mrs. Fogal; the two last named have been recently committed.

ALMS-HOUSE AND FARM.

The charges at the alms-house and farm are \$2,123 against \$2,321 last year, a decrease of \$202 with an average of 18 inmates. By the payment by the state for full support of 2 inmates belonging to the state, the cost will average 1.50 per week each, against 1.66 last year, which includes services of superintendent and matron, doctor, hired labor, repairs of buildings, etc.

The management of the superintendent and matron have been to the satisfaction of the board, who have secured their services for the ensuing year.

We recommend an appropriation of \$1,500 for alms-house and farm, \$3,500 for outside poor, and a special appropriation for shingling barn, improving and painting buildings, constructing a cistern for water for fire and other purposes, for additional rooms for the insane, and safe confinement of inmates inclined to wander away.

INMATES AT THE ALMS-HOUSE.

John Clark,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 78
Charles Congdon,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 38
Calista Rich,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 79
Thomas Powers,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 67
Ellen Powers,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 61
Margaret O'Brien,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 69
Lucy Harding,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 54
Mary Baker,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 84
Hiram Simpson,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 61
Catherine Tynon,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 69
Lewis Gaumon,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 23
Richard Welch,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 72
Catherine Welch,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 67
Lucy Cady,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 85
James Kershaw,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 68

Peter Letcher, -	-	-	-	aged 74
Patrick Gleason, -	-	-	-	aged 88
John Mack, -	-	-	-	aged 60
Daniel Holden, -	-	-	-	aged 64
Average, -	-	-	-	18

ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR.

James Kershaw, Alice Kershaw, Patrick Gleason, John Mack,
Daniel Holden.

DIED.

Alice Kershaw, Richard Dwyer, Richard Welsh.

ACCOUNTS DUE THE TOWN.

OUTSIDE ACCOUNT.

State of Massachusetts, -	-	\$143 23
City of Lawrence, -	-	109 00
City of Northampton, -	-	56 15
City of Worcester, -	-	3 00
City of Fitchburg, -	-	2 00
		<hr/> \$313 38

ALMS-HOUSE ACCOUNT.

State of Massachusetts, -	-	\$383 58
S. C. Hartwell, for hay, -	-	10 15
J. P. Green, old iron, -	-	5 73
		<hr/> \$399 16

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMS-HOUSE AND FARM, FEBRUARY 28, 1885.

Class 1, - - - -	\$800 00	
2, - - - -	224 40	
3, - - - -	509 45	
4, - - - -	188 95	
5, - - - -	200 00	
6, - - - -	206 98	
	<hr/>	\$2,129 78
Inventory of 1884, - - -	-	2,063 38
		<hr/>
Gain over 1884, - - -	-	66 40
Without loss of one horse, died, valued at \$150.00, gain would have been, -	-	<hr/> <hr/> \$216 40

C. A. PAIGE,
GEO. A. DRESSER,
SILAS B. MORSE,
Appraisers.

Southbridge, Feb. 28, 1885.

ACCOUNT OF CASH

Received by C. A. Paige for account of Overseers of the Poor
for year ending February 28, 1885 :

City of Lawrence, aid Mrs. A. Cologne,	\$96 00
Town of Spencer, aid Mrs. J. Dragon, -	50 31
Town of Douglas, aid Mrs. Albert Allen,	42 00
Town of Millbury, aid A. and J. Theriac,	10 00
Town of Charlton, aid Mrs. Albert Allen,	36 00
Town of Webster, aid Margaret Finnely,	58 29
Patrick Gleason, state aid three months,	12 00
Patrick Gleason, pension three months,	24 00
For produce sold at farm,	
To C. A. Paige, - - -	7 90
E. M. Phillips, - - -	7 77

F. P. Pratt, - - -	1 40
Geo Truesdale, - - -	5 30
John Geer, - - -	3 95
H. Clark, - - -	80
James Burns, - - -	17 25
Vernon Chamberlin, - - -	3 00
Wm. Etcha, - - -	5 80
A. Plimpton, - - -	1 30
Geo. A. Dresser, - - -	4 00
Nelson Vinton, - - -	7 75
M. M. Marble, - - -	1 00
L. Vinton, - - -	85
M. Farrel, - - -	6 80
Hartwell Hobbs, - - -	2 10
Geo White, - - -	27 85
C. V. Carpenter, - - -	3 25
Joseph Gomo, - - -	5 00
Miss Ferris, - - -	3 58
W. E. Northrop, - - -	6 80
James Green, - - -	5 00
L. E. Brown, - - -	2 50
L. Brainard, - - -	80
Willie Weld, - - -	3 50
Joel W. Marble, - - -	1 50
A. F. Luther, - - -	6 00
W. C. Barnes, - - -	80
Frenchman at Geo. Stone's, - - -	1 25
A. Clark, - - -	75
Geo F. Northrop, - - -	10 00

\$484 15

C. A. PAIGE,
P. T. LITCHFIELD,
E. M. PHILLIPS,
Overseers of the Poor.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TAX COLLECTOR
AND
ASSESSORS.

UNPAID TAXES.

Albee, Linus.	\$2 00	Bushey, Peter,	\$2 00
Abbott, J. R.,	2 00	Bailey, Henry,	2 38
Anglum, James,	2 00	Bashey, David,	16 26
Akey, Cyril,	2 00	Bennett, David,	2 00
Anga, Charles,	2 00	Burke, Peter,	2 00
Anga, Joseph,	2 00	Brothers, Zepherim,	2 00
Ayer, Edward,	2 00	Brothers, Zepherim, Jr.,	2 00
Agnew, Andrew,	2 00	Buchanan, Wm.,	2 00
Angel, Nathan B.,	2 00	Benway, Joseph,	2 00
Avey, Frank,	2 00	Bemis, James,	2 00
Baker, Edwin J.,	4 27	Barrett, Andrew H.,	2 00
Baker, Metcalf,	2 00	Bashey, Dennis,	2 00
Brackett, Joseph,	7 67	Blute, James,	2 00
Brennan, Patrick,	2 00	Bracken, Henry,	2 00
Butler, James,	2 00	Blanchard, Joseph,	2 00
Brownier, John,	2 00	Bashan, Peter, 2d,	2 00
Blute, Michael,	2 00	Berry, Joseph,	2 00
Bushey, Amable,	2 00	Birch, Thomas,	2 00
Bushey, Collis,	2 00	Bullock, W. W.,	2 00
Bergeren, Francis,	2 00	Butterworth, Thomas,	2 00
Blute, Michael, 2d,	2 00	Bashand, Theophile,	2 00
Bridget, Martin,	2 00	Bouvia, William,	2 00
Bashand, J. B.,	2 00	Bell, John,	2 00
Benway, Peter,	2 00	Blodgett, Peter,	2 00
Bashan, Peter,	2 00	Bashand, Peter, 3d,	3 51

Blaux, Alexander,	\$2 00	Bouvia, Edgar,	\$2 00
Baker, Paul,	2 00	Brassell, Est. John,	1 51
Bennett, Joseph	2 00	Buchan, William,	2 00
Burr, Charles H.,	2 00	Beltra, Narcisse,	2 00
Bowers, Calvin,	2 00	Browm, Edward,	2 00
Benway, Peter, Jr.,	2 00	Chamberlain, A. M.,	51 53
Brackett, Merrick C.,	2 00	Cooper, Judson F.,	2 00
Brown, David J.,	2 00	Clarke, Frank J.,	2 00
Brown, James,	2 00	Clarke, Andrew J.,	4 48
Brothers, Henry,	2 00	Cutting, Jonathan,	2 00
Benway, Marcelle,	2 00	Clarke, Mrs. Mary E.,	66 44
Bethra, Thomas,	2 00	Cunean, Patrick,	2 00
Bardoux, Joshua,	2 00	Collings, Bernard,	2 00
Bracewell, Joseph,	2 00	Callahan, James J.,	2 00
Blevin, Joseph,	2 00	Coldrick, Matthew,	2 00
Bennett, Joseph,	2 00	Coldrick, John,	2 00
Brainard, Llewelyn,	2 00	Coldrick, Thomas,	2 00
Blute, David,	2 00	Coldrick, Matthew J.,	2 00
Barrett, Henry,	2 00	Cochlin, Thomas,	2 00
Beugard, Phelix,	2 00	Cheney, R. W.,	2 00
Brunell, Iquad,	2 00	Crawford, George,	2 00
Bouvia Joseph,	2 00	Capilet, Peter,	2 00
Buchand, John,	2 00	Cole, Alexander,	2 00
Baker, George,	2 00	Coffin, Wm. G.,	2 00
Booth, G. W.,	2 00	Cozzens, F. C.,	2 00
Brown, James,	2 00	Cullen, Patrick,	2 00
Barnes, Edward,	2 00	Coband, Joseph,	2 00
Beltra, Jessie,	2 00	Cain, Robert,	2 00
Bracken, Joseph.	2 00	Cain, Robert, Jr.,	2 00
Beaugerard, Joseph,	2 00	Coburn, Otis,	2 00
Bebo, Peter,	2 00	Cooper, Benjamin,	2 00
Bashand, Michael,	2 00	Corney, Robert,	2 00
Bashand, Joseph,	2 00	Cavanaugh, Lawrence,	2 00
Bushey, Peter,	2 00	Claffin, Walter,	2 29
Brothers, John,	2 00	Cooper, William,	2 00
Bardo, Elbaire,	2 00	Clarke, Albert,	2 00

Culen, William,	\$2 00	Donais, Solomon,	\$2 00
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Grant, Thos.,	2 00	Hubbard, Isaac,	2 00
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Peck, Peter,	2 00	Rivers, James,	2 00
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Timblin, Michael,	2 00	Wight, Joseph,	2 00
Taylor, John,	2 00	Whitford, Thomas,	2 00
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Toussant, M.,	2 00	Young, Leon,	2 00
Tisdale, Dennis,	2 00		

ERRATA.—Under unpaid taxes, Benjamin Cooper and William C. Hargraves should have been omitted.

GARD FROM THE ASSESSORS.

Chapter 11, Section 77, of the Public Statutes, provides that :

When a collector is satisfied that any poll tax, or tax upon personal property, or any portion of said tax committed to him or any of his predecessors in office for collection, can not be collected by reason of the death, absence, poverty, insolvency, bankruptcy, or other inability to pay by the person assessed, he shall notify the assessors thereof in writing, stating the reason why such tax can not be collected and verifying the same by oath. In such case the assessors, after due inquiry into the circumstances, may abate such tax, or any part thereof.

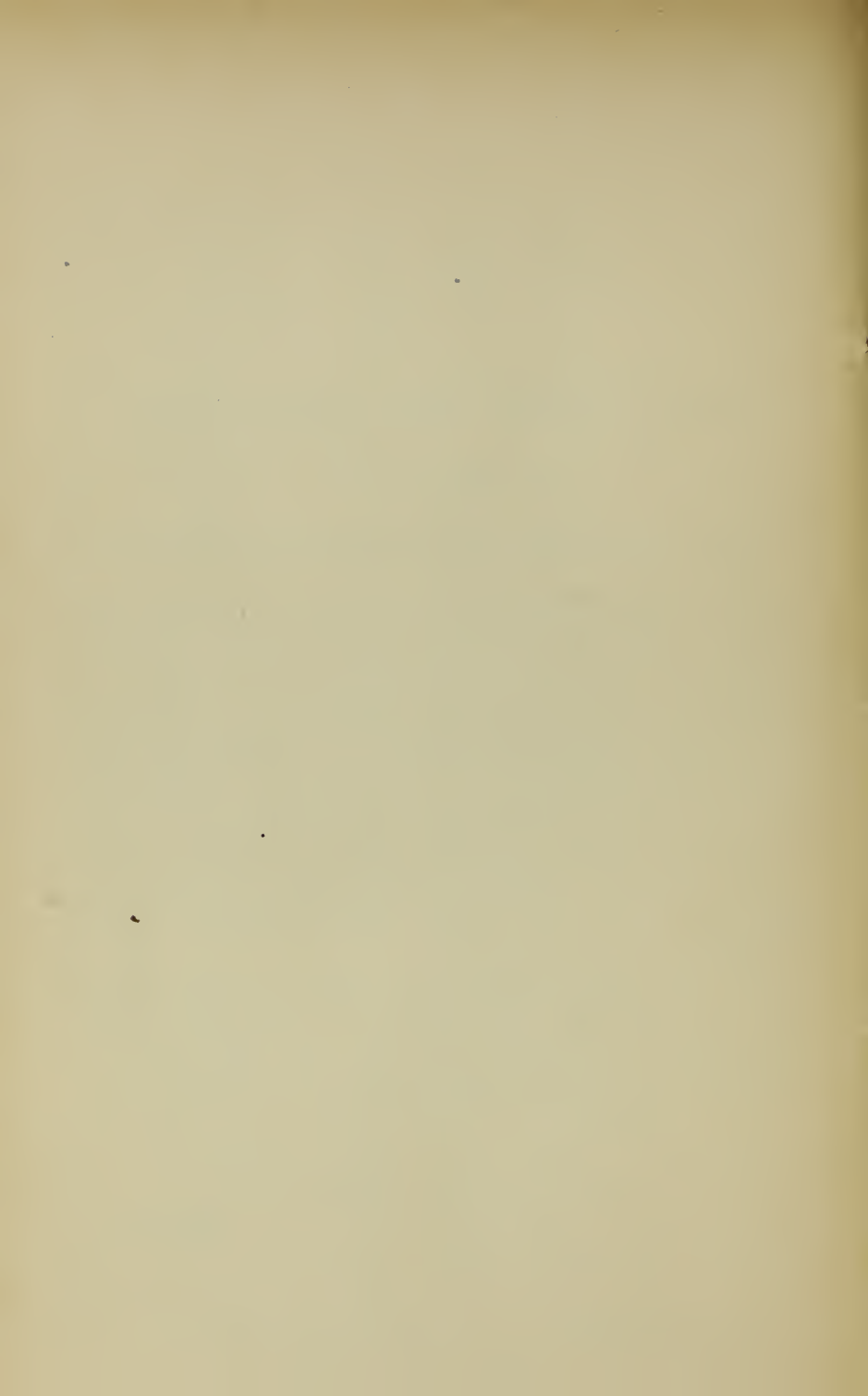
. . . . But no poll tax shall be abated, under the provisions of this section within the calendar year in which the tax is assessed.

The last clause of the law has heretofore been honored only in the breach, and many poll taxes have been abated the same year they were assessed. This year we have endeavored to live strictly up to the law, which accounts for the increased number of poll taxes unpaid reported by the collector.

C. W. WELD,

JAMES LYON,

Assessors.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee.

REPORT.

Whatever has life must advance. If it ceases to grow it begins to die. A system of education that has got beyond growth, has passed its usefulness, it is certainly going down. We believe the schools of Southbridge have been advancing during the past year—not so fast as we could wish—not in all directions in which progress is needed—and yet with some degree of healthy growth. “Eternal vigilance is the price” of prosperity in every enterprise; anything left to itself will retrograde. The strong and skillful hand is needed successfully to administer the best system that can be devised. No outlay is wiser or more profitable than that which secures a judicious and thorough supervision. A single year's neglect will work great injury to the schools of any town.

The new law requiring all text books and supplies to be furnished free, we believe to be wise and beneficent. It is simply the rounding out of the true democracy of our free schools. The poorest can now enjoy the privileges of education free of *all* expense, and without the annoyance of being singled out for special favor shown to the needy. The expense this year has been larger than we anticipated, but reduction will be sure and swift. The outlay will probably be less than half as much next year, and still less the year after, reaching about its

true level the third or fourth year. We are convinced that the system will result to the whole town in an annual saving of several hundred dollars in the money actually paid for books and supplies. The following statement gives as nearly as can be estimated the result of the first year's trial:—

Books and supplies on hand March 1, 1884,	\$ 292 80	
Books and supplies bought during the year,	1,746 53	
	<hr/>	\$2039 33
Books and supplies in use in schools March		
1, 1885, estimated,	- -	\$850 00
Books and supplies now on hand, estimated,		320 00
Cash received for books and supplies sold		
during the year,	- -	42 03
	<hr/>	\$1212 03
Net cost to the town for first year,		<hr/> \$827 30

Our state laws require industrial drawing in the schools. Not all teachers, even the best in other respects, can succeed in this department. It seems much preferable to have one teacher to take the management and responsibility of the whole. We have employed Miss Jennie E. Chamberlin, who has shown an adaptation for the work, which insures success. We have been much gratified at the progress made, and the interest awakened in this branch of education.

In the High School we found it necessary to employ a temporary teacher for the spring term. Mr. H. W. Thurston did good service, winning the respect and confidence of all. We should have been glad to have secured his services permanently, had he finished his collegiate studies. Mr. Samuel F. Tower, a graduate of Dartmouth College, took the school in September, and is proving himself an energetic and efficient teacher. The real needs of this school have for some time demanded the services of a third teacher. The High School can not be a high school without requiring from eighteen to twenty-five recitations daily, besides the general exercises. Evidently no

two teachers can do justice to so many classes. The time to meet this demand seems to have fully come. It has not been done to relieve the teachers from labor, but that their labor may be more efficient and productive. Each teacher, if faithful, will actually accomplish more and better results when there are three, than when there are only two. We believe that this new departure is in the line of true economy, and will result in good to all concerned. The character and attainments of Mr. Ammidown, whose services we have secured, are too well known to need any comment here. The result of one term's service is highly satisfactory.

The suggestion in last year's report of the possible benefit to be derived by separating test examinations from the closing exhibition of a school, has been partly tried in the recent examinations. The result has emphatically shown the wisdom of the course. The schools are public schools; they belong to the parents; it is their right and privilege to be present at all times, when they may choose; they no more need an invitation from teacher or Committee, than a farmer needs an invitation from his hired man to go into his own house to dinner. So far as themselves are concerned the Committee would be glad to see every parent present at every test examination, whether written or oral. They have nothing to conceal. But it is a simple fact that on an average, the children will not pass a test examination with nearly as good success under the eyes of their parents, as when only the teacher and Committee are present. Every trial shows this to be true; whatever we have done in this direction has been solely in the interests of the children themselves. We are glad to see that in some schools parents have been frequent visitors. Much more can be learned of the character of a school by witnessing its daily routine, than by attending any number of examinations.

Whatever is persistently reiterated comes to be accepted for truth. So the perpetual din about overwork in public schools has gained credence among many intelligent people. We are

fully convinced it is because they do not thoroughly examine the matter without prejudice. No doubt some teachers have a "nagging" way that frets and worries a child, who would easily accomplish *more* under another teacher without annoyance, and consequently without harm. Generally, worry rather than work is what injures, either child or adult. Some children are partial invalids, and can not do full work. But schools must be organized and managed on the basis of health, and not of sickness. The amount of work required in any term of our schools, is an easy task for a healthy child of average ability. Some of robust health joined to special aptitude for learning, can easily accomplish the work of the ten grades in six or seven years. But those whose vitality and nervous energy are exhausted in other pursuits, of whatever nature, can not reasonably expect to keep along, even with the regular grade. The matter of overwork is wholly under control of the parents. So far as we are aware, no individual has been pressed and crowded save by the parents themselves, who are frequently appealing to the Committee to promote their children to higher grades. The request that a child be allowed to take fewer studies than those required in the course, is never refused, when accompanied by a physician's certificate of the child's physical inability. It would be evidently absurd, however, to expect such children to be reckoned up to grade with those who have been able to take the whole number of studies. By taking more years, according to their health and strength, they can at length accomplish the whole. We think many of the parents have come to understand this, and are beginning to appreciate the advantage of systematic grading according to actual attainments.

The state is perhaps wise in limiting the school age to five years. Certainly children under that age ought not to be subject to the confinement and drill of usual school hours. But it is not wise for parents to allow their children to go without instruction till five years old. Providence has clearly marked out the early years, even of infancy, as the time to form the character. It is then impressions are most easily made, and

become the most permanent. Persons accustomed to the training of animals well understand that the earlier that training can begin, the better the success. So the healthy child will learn more in three months at two years of age, than in six months at five years of age. We need schools for these little ones whose parents can not teach them at home, that when they come into our public schools at five, they may already be able to read, and perform simple numerical processes, and especially that they may have begun to know how to *think*,—the great desideratum in all our schools. Hence we are glad to learn that a Kindergarten School has been started. If well managed and widely patronized, it will prove a great benefit to the children, and will help to advance the public schools.

Good morals is the basis of character; however physically or intellectually developed, there is no true manhood without morality. So the Statutes require, "all instructors of youth to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard to truth, love of their country, humanity, and universal benevolence, sobriety, industry and frugality, chastity, moderation, and temperance; and those other virtues which are the ornament to human society and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded; and it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead their pupils, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the tendency of the above-mentioned virtues to preserve and perfect a republican constitution, and secure the blessings of liberty, as well as to promote their future happiness, and also to point out to them the evil tendency of the opposite vices." It is difficult to see how this law could be modified for the better. We have endeavored to impress upon our teachers the importance of carrying out its excellent provisions, and we are satisfied that they have in a good measure done so.

Once more we would urge upon your attention the immediate

and pressing necessity for a new school-building—centrally located—large enough to accommodate, not only the High School, but all grades above the Primary—of beautiful architecture, and supplied with the most advanced educational conveniences of modern invention—a building which shall be an honor to the town, and in the enjoyment of which future generations shall rise up and call its builders blessed.

The Regulations and Course of Study herewith appended, are only slightly modified, as the experience of another year has shown advisable.

COURSE OF STUDY AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF SOUTHBRIDGE,
ADOPTED MARCH, 1885.

REGULATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS TO TEACHERS.

Three principal objects should be kept in mind:—to train pupils to observe, to think, and to express. Their interest in common things should be encouraged and stimulated by questions and simple talks about the numberless objects in street, highway, field, forest, and sky.

In Reading, begin by requiring each sentence to be read as a whole, just as it should be spoken in conversation. Secure distinct enunciation, but never allow a sentence to be read, even once, except as a whole. In naming separate words never take them in the order of a sentence. The articles "a" and "the" should be pronounced as part of the following word. For instance, "a boat," "a goat," "the gun," "the part," should be spoken as if they were single words like "about," "ago," "begun," "depart." Never permit the odious pronunciations, uh and thuh. Avoid all exact rules in regard to pauses and inflections. Teach correct methods by example rather than by rules. Even the little child who really understands what he is reading, will uniformly give nearly the right expression, unless hampered by bad habits

or false training. Leave no sentence till the average scholar in the class can read it fairly. In all recitations distinct utterance and correct language should be required. In reciting tables and in answer to questions the falling inflection should be insisted on.

The practical use of correct spelling is found only when thoughts are expressed in writing. Exercises in spelling therefore, should be principally in writing. As early as possible sentences should be written from dictation, and parts of daily lessons should be written on the board by the pupils.

In Grammar, remember that the technical forms of routine parsing are of comparatively small value. The true design of the study is to enable the pupil to understand language, and to acquire facility in its accurate use. Thus every recitation properly conducted becomes a language lesson. In the use of the language lessons, require not only all the exercises for writing named in the book, but multiply them indefinitely as there is time.

In Arithmetic, teach principles rather than rules. Absolute accuracy is indispensable. Every statement, whether in words or other symbols must be precisely true. Secure perfect clearness of thought, and clearness of expression will naturally follow. This necessary precision and accuracy should be secured without a slavish repetition of the exact words of the book. The course is given by topics instead of pages, to intimate a study of the subject rather than of the book merely. Teachers will use the pages of "Miscellaneous Examples" with discretion, aiming to secure a thorough knowledge of principles, and not the mere solution of a given number of problems.

Geography should not be a study of dry details, a mere memorizing of isolated facts and statistics, but the living description of the home of man, its diversified surface and varied climate, its vegetable and animal life, and the manners and customs of its inhabitants. Much attention should be given to map drawing.

In History, require pupils to recite in their own language,

and avoid mere memorizing. Assign lessons frequently by topics instead of sections and pages of the text-book, and thus endeavor to awaken an interest in representative men and decisive events. Aim to secure a knowledge of the general current of events with their causes and effects, and encourage the consultation of other books illustrating the period studied.

Drawing and Penmanship are required throughout the course.

Teachers will devote some time regularly each week to instruction in temperance, morals and manners, as required by the Statutes of the Commonwealth.

Beginning with the seventh grade, written examinations are required each month. No examination must occupy more than one day. The papers will be deposited with the School Board, and kept on file for at least one year. At the end of each term a re-examination will be required of every one who, in any study has failed to secure a mark of six on a scale of ten.

The course prescribed for any grade is to be considered a minimum, and the teacher is expected to proceed further, whenever the proficiency of a class will admit.

Except in Primary grades, no pupil will be transferred from one class to another without the express direction of the School Board. No person will be examined for promotion out of the regular course, unless his age or scholarship is above the average of his class.

COURSE OF STUDY.

LOWER PRIMARY.

FIRST AND SECOND GRADES.

Reading, beginning with chart or primer. Never allow a word to be spelled to find out what it is. Carefully distinguish between reading and mere naming words. Teach pupils to hold book and turn leaves properly.

Spelling. In oral spelling teach pupils to pause distinctly after each syllable, but to pronounce only the whole word. Do not repeat a syllable by itself to aid them in spelling.

Writing with pencils and on the blackboard should begin from the very first.

Counting. Roman and Arabic numerals. Reading and writing numbers.

Addition. Multiplication table not in numerical order, but in every variety of combination, including multiplying on the board by one figure and up to twelve.

Oral and blackboard exercises indefinitely.

Oral Geography, giving a few of the simplest facts.

Correct common errors in the use of language.

Object lessons indefinitely.

HIGHER PRIMARY.

THIRD GRADE.

Reading. Special attention to enunciation and meaning of words.

Spelling. Mainly written.

Arithmetic. Subtraction and Multiplication.

Oral Geography extended to the location and general characteristics, inhabitants, animals, climate and productions of the principal countries of the globe.

Oral Physiology and Hygiene—very elementary.

Write sentences of words defined—also give brief descriptions of familiar objects, both orally and in writing.

FOURTH GRADE.

Reading. Pupils should repeat in their own language the substance of lessons read.

Spelling. Mainly written.

Arithmetic. Division and U. S. Money.

Warren's Geography, the first fifteen pages, also the special Geography of Massachusetts, adding oral instruction in reference to Worcester County and the Town of Southbridge.

Writing as in Third Grade.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

FIFTH GRADE.

Reading and Spelling continued.

Writing books begun.

Arithmetic. Factors, Common Fractions, to page 111.

Geography pp. 16-26 and Special Geography of New England, omitting Massachusetts.

Oral Language Lessons. Teacher will take Swinton's Language Primer, as a general guide, to p. 33.

SIXTH GRADE.

Reading, Writing and Spelling continued.

Arithmetic. Common Fractions finished.

Decimal Fractions. Weights and Measures.

Geography pp. 27-54, with some attention to blackboard map-drawing.

Oral Language Lessons—guided by Language Primer pp. 34-70.

LOWER GRAMMAR.

SEVENTH GRADE.

Reading, Writing and Spelling continued.

Arithmetic. Compound Numbers.

The Metric System. Percentage.

Oral Language Lessons—guided by Language Primer from p. 70 to end.

EIGHTH GRADE.

Reading, Writing and Spelling continued.

Arithmetic. Simple Interest, through U. S. Bonds.

Physiology through the year.

Swinton's Language Lessons, 60 pp.

At the end of this year pupils will take a special and final examination in Physiology.

HIGHER GRAMMAR.

NINTH GRADE.

Reading, Writing and Spelling continued.

Arithmetic completed.

Geography reviewed topically with map drawing through the year.

Swinton's Language Lessons to p. 116.

At the end of this year pupils will take a special and final examination in Geography.

TENTH GRADE.

Reading, Writing and Spelling continued.

Arithmetic reviewed through the year.

Swinton's Language Lessons completed.

U. S. History.

HIGH SCHOOL.

A written examination will be required of pupils desiring admission to the High School, and each one admitted will select which Course of Study he desires to pursue. Optional studies can be chosen with consultation with the Principal, subject to the necessities of the school organization.

No change from one course, or from one optional study to another, or taking of irregular or mixed courses can be permitted except on written request of parent or guardian, approved by the Principal and confirmed by vote of the board. Diplomas will be awarded only to those who have completed one of the regular courses.

Three studies, besides general exercises, are required of every

member of the school unless excused for ill health, on the certificate of a physician. No pupil will be permitted to take four studies, except when necessary to make up a condition. As a general rule optional classes will not be formed for less than three pupils.

A record will be kept of each pupil's standing as determined by recitation and by examination. Each perfect recitation will be reckoned ten—entire failures and unexcused absences, each zero, in making up the average standing. An average of sixty percent will be required for advancement in each study.

There will be general exercises for all courses, in Reading, Spelling, Composition, Declamation, and Drawing. At least one Composition and one Recitation is to be required of each pupil in every month. Besides these general exercises, essay writing should be emphasized and multiplied in connection with all other studies that admit.

ENGLISH COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—General History; Algebra; English Analysis.

SECOND TERM.—General History; Algebra; Physical Geography.

THIRD TERM.—General History; Algebra; English Composition.

SECOND YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—English History; Geometry; Botany.

SECOND TERM.—Zoology; Geometry; Rhetoric.

THIRD TERM.—Physics; Geometry; Rhetoric.

THIRD YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Physics; English Literature; French, or German.

SECOND TERM.—Book-keeping, or Trigonometry and Surveying; English Literature; French or German.

THIRD TERM.—Chemistry ; American Literature ; French or German.

FOURTH YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Chemistry ; Civil Government ; French or German.

SECOND TERM.—Geology ; Mental Science ; French or German.

THIRD TERM.—Astronomy ; U. S. History ; French or German.

NOTE.—An advanced course in the study of the English Language, with constant essay writing—not less than 10 or 15 pages of letter size per week—with Logic for the last term of the course may be substituted for French or German.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Latin Lessons ; Algebra ; General History.

SECOND TERM.—Latin Reader ; Algebra ; General History.

THIRD TERM.—Latin Reader ; Algebra ; General History.

SECOND YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Cæsar ; Greek Lessons ; Geometry.

SECOND TERM.—Cæsar ; Greek Lessons ; Geometry.

THIRD TERM.—Cæsar ; Greek Lessons ; Geometry.

THIRD YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Cicero ; Anabasis ; Ovid.

SECOND TERM.—Cicero ; Anabasis ; Rhetoric.

THIRD TERM.—Cicero ; Anabasis ; Rhetoric.

FOURTH YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Virgil ; Iliad ; Greek and Latin Composition ; French or German.

SECOND TERM.—Virgil; Iliad; Review of Mathematics, French, or German.

THIRD TERM.—Virgil; Greek at Sight; Review of Mathematics, French, or German.

GENERAL COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Latin; Algebra; Elementary Physics.

SECOND TERM.—Latin; Algebra; Physical Geography.

THIRD TERM.—Latin; Algebra; English Composition.

SECOND YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Latin; Geometry; Botany or General History.

SECOND TERM.—Latin; Geometry; Zoology or General History.

THIRD TERM.—Latin; Geometry; Physics.

THIRD YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Latin, French, or German; Physics; English Literature.

SECOND TERM.—Latin, French, or German; Book-keeping and Business Arithmetic, or Rhetoric; English Literature.

THIRD TERM.—Latin, French, or German; American Literature or Rhetoric; Chemistry.

FOURTH YEAR.

FIRST TERM.—Latin, French, or German; Civil Government; Chemistry.

SECOND TERM.—Latin, French, or German; Mental Science; Geology.

THIRD TERM.—Latin, French, or German; U. S. History; Astronomy.

NOTE.—Study of the English Language, as in the English Course, may be substituted for a Foreign Language in the last two years.



TEXT BOOKS.

AUTHORIZED TO BE USED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF
SOUTHBRIDGE.

Franklin Arithmetics, Wentworth's Algebra, Wentworth's Geometry, Bradbury's Trigonometry and Surveying, Bryant and Stratton's Book-keeping, Warren's Brief Course in Geography, Gray's "How Plants Grow," Houston's Physical Geography, Avery's Chemistry, Steele's Astronomy, Steele's Natural Philosophy, Steele's Zoology, Dana's Geological Story Briefly Told; Brand's Lessons on the Human Body, Richardson's and Julia Coleman's Temperance Text Books, Franklin Series of Readers, Cathcart's Literary Reader, Monroe's Spellers, Raub's Test Speller, D. J. Hill's Rhetoric; Parker's English Composition, Swinton's Language Lessons, Swinton's English Literature, Hudson's Shakespeare for school use, Business Standard Writing Books, Prang's American Drawing Books, Higginson's Young Folks' History of the United States, Scudder's United States History, Swinton's General History, Hopkins's Outline Study of Man, Allen and Greenough's Latin Grammar, Leighton's Latin Lessons, Allen and Greenough's Cæsar, Hanson's Cicero, Rolfe and Hanson's Selections from Ovid and Virgil, Jones's Latin Prose Composition, White's or Andrews's Latin Lexicon, Goodwin's Greek Grammar, White's Greek Lessons, Goodwin and White's Xenophon's Anabasis, Boise's Homer's Iliad, Jones's Greek Prose Composition, Liddell and Scott's Greek Lexicon; Whitney's German Grammar and Reader, Meisterschaft System of German and French, Selected German Ballads, Adler's German Dictionary, Keetel's French Grammar and Reader, Worman's First Book in French, Selected French Plays, Smith and Hamilton's French Dictionary; Standard Books of Reference in all departments.

TABULAR VIEW OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	No. of different pupils.	Average number.	Average attendance.	Average per cent. of attendance.	No. of weeks of school.
High School,	58	47.84	44	.92	40
Higher Grammar—Main street, . .	31	28.05	26.21	.934	37
School street, . .	21	18.67	17.31	.927	37
Lower Grammar—Main street, . .	49	45.78	43.62	.953	37
School street, . .	36	29.21	27.41	.938	37
Intermediate—Main street, . . .	43	34.02	31.53	.927	37
Union street, . . .	30	24.15	21.6	.894	37
River street, . . .	42	30.02	27.92	.93	37
Higher Primary—Elm street, . . .	50	45.89	41.01	.894	35
School street, . .	47	35.11	31.99	.911	35
Plimpton street, . .	25	20.19	19.16	.949	35
River street, . . .	36	30.68	22.31	.923	35
Lower Primary—Elm street, . . .	56	32.56	25.67	.788	35
Main street, . . .	52	37.85	33.55	.886	35
School street, . . .	54	39.24	33.82	.862	35
River street, East, . .	43	36.65	31.30	.854	35
River street, West, . .	54	39.24	33.82	.862	35
Mixed Primary—Carpenter, . . .	62	35.78	29.91	.836	35
Sumner,	23	16.66	14.16	.85	35
Ungraded—Bacon,	7	6.92	5.72	.92	35
Ammidown,	55	27.13	23.64	.871	35
Hooker,	21	15.82	13.33	.843	35
Dennison,	23	12.18	10.11	.83	35
Total,	928	696.3	622.16	.894	824
Total average,	40.35	30.27	27.05	.894	35.83

Number of children of school age in town May 1, 1884,	1,362
Number in school over 15 years of age,	75
Number in school under 5 years of age,	16
Number in school between 8 and 14 years of age,	521
Number of different teachers (three males),	31
Salary of principal of high school,	\$1,000 00
Salary of first assistant in high school per week,	14 00
Salary of second assistant in high school per week,	10 00
Average pay of teachers per week, except high school,	8 96

Respectfully submitted,

SILVANUS HAYWARD,
JAMES M. AMMIDOWN,
J. J. OAKES,

School Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN CLERK
AND
Warrant for Town Meeting.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY.

WITH THE DATE OF EXPIRATION OF POLICIES.

Amount.	Property Insured.	Expires.
\$ 2,500.	Town house, - - - -	May 1, 1887
3,000.	Books, etc., library, - - -	July 1, 1885
1,000.	Books, etc., library, - - -	July 1, 1885
600.	School house, Hooker District,	April 1, 1885
2,500.	Library building, - - -	Nov. 1, 1885
6,400.	Alms-house, barn, shed, stock, etc.,	Dec. 1, 1885
600.	School house, Bacon District, -	June 1, 1886
1,600.	School house, Elm Street, -	Sept. 1, 1886
2,200.	School house, Sandersdale, -	Dec. 1, 1886
2,000.	School house, Main Street, -	Jan. 1, 1887
1,500.	Town hall, Elm Street, - -	Feb. 1, 1887
600.	School house, Sumner District,	April 1, 1887
2,000.	School house, Union Street, -	Nov. 1, 1887
2,000.	School house, Main Street, -	Jan. 1, 1888
2,500.	School house, School Street, -	Nov. 1, 1888
2,500.	School house, River Street, -	Nov. 1, 1888
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\$32,200.		

RECEIPTS.

Amount appropriated for insurance April 7, 1884,	\$75 00
Balance in treasury, March 1, 1884, - - -	25 85

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid premium May 1, 1884, - - -	\$35 00
July 1, 1884, - - -	44 00
Balance in treasury, March 1, 1885, -	21 85
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	\$100 85

VITAL STATISTICS.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE,
FROM JANUARY 1, 1884, TO JANUARY 1, 1885.

Number of marriages, - - - - - 69

American, 24; French, 34; Irish, 10; African, 1.

Number of births, - - - - - 232

Male, 98; female, 134.

American, 29; French, 167; Irish, 28; English, 3; Scotch, 3;
African, 2.

Number of deaths, - - - - - 130

American, 48; French, 47; Irish, 30; English, 4; Scotch, 1.

Of this number 54 were under 5 years of age, 2 between 5 and 10, 8 between 10 and 20, 14 between 20 and 30, 9 between 30 and 40, 6 between 40 and 50, 4 between 50 and 60, 12 between 60 and 70, 17 over 70, 4 not known.

Number of dogs licensed, - - - - - 174

Males, 163; females, 11.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. MORSE, Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, 1885.

WORCESTER, SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge, in the
County of Worcester,* GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Southbridge, on Monday, the sixth day of April next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will vote to elect more than one Highway Surveyor.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, viz : Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, School Committee, Library Committee, Cemetery Committee, Auditors of Accounts, one or more Highway Surveyors and Constables. The polls will be kept open until three o'clock p. m., unless otherwise determined by the meeting.

ART. 4. To vote by ballot "yes" or "no" in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town."

ART. 5. To hear the report of the Auditors of Accounts, Treasurer, Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Fire

Engineers, School Committee, Library Committee, and Cemetery Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 6. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and charges the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 7. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use the means for collecting the taxes which the town Treasurer when appointed a collector may use, or act thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes paid within a certain period, or act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, or act thereon.

ART. 11. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as posted and presented by the Selectmen, or act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to pay the engine men for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay firemen according to the vote at the last annual meeting, or act thereon.

ART. 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the observance of Memorial Day, or act thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the town will take measures to prepare and preserve a record of all the persons from this town who enlisted and served in the Army and Navy in the late civil war, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 16. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to transfer to unappropriated funds, eighty-four cents from West Dudley road; thirty-seven dollars from Bartlett Street; seventeen dollars from Barefoot road, and one hundred and

thirty dollars from account of enforcement of License Law, unexpended appropriations, or act thereon.

ART. 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay the Water Supply Co. for the use of hydrants and water for the drinking fountain for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 18. To see if the town will widen River Street road from the bridge and reset the bank wall on south side of said road to Mill Street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 19. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Health to take measures to protect the public from the ravages of Cholera or other contagious diseases during the coming season, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon

ART. 20. To see if the town will take measures to prevent injury to the highway by water, east of the bridge over Cady Brook on the flat near the Yellow School House, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to provide better means of drainage for Hamilton and Hook Streets, or act thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to appoint a superintendent of schools, or act thereon.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to increase the number of its School Committee.

ART. 24. To see if the town will make special repairs on the highway from the house of Herbert F. Haskell to the Dudley line, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 25. To see if the town will remove the ledge in the highway in front of the house of Wm. H. H. Cheney, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 26. To see if the town will construct a sidewalk on the east side of Chapin Street from the land of Geo. W. Corey to the land of Joel W. Marble, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 27. To see if the town will construct a sidewalk on the east side of Marcy Street from land of Wm. Butler to Hamilton Street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 28. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for repairs, painting and alterations of almshouse, and constructing cistern for the same, or act thereon.

ART. 29. To see if the town will take measures to prosecute, at the expense of the town, violations of the law relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, drunkenness or common drunkards, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 30. To see if the town will repair the sidewalk on the southerly side of Hamilton Street from Marcy to Pine Street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 31. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen, laying out a town way (now known as Highland Street) from southerly side of South Street, to near the house of E. A. Gleason at the southerly end of said Highland Street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 32. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen laying out a new town way from the new road to Charlton City, near the shop, and over land of Henry N. Vinton to the old road to Carlton City, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 33. To see if the town will build a bank wall on the west side of Pleasant Street from near the premises of L. W. Curtis to the bridge; also to raise the bank wall on east side of said Street from Hamilton Woolen Co's barn to the bridge, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 34. To see if the town will construct a gravel walk on the east side of Pleasant Street from near the house of Daniel Walcott to the bridge over McKinstry brook, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 35. To see if the town will remove so much of the ledge as lies within the limits of the east side of the southerly end of Chapin Street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 36. To see if the town will remove obstructions from Winter Street, construct gravel walk on the west side of said street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

ART. 37. To see if the town will purchase Lamp Posts and Lanterns, to be placed; two on Pleasant Street; two on West Street; three on Plimpton Street; two on Mill Street north of Chas. W. Weld's; three on Hamilton Street; three on Cross and Union Streets; three on North Street; and four on South between Water Street and West Street, raise and appropriate money therefor, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the SOUTHBRIDGE JOURNAL and Southbridge Herald, the first publication being not less than nine days next preceeding the day of meeting,—or by posting up such attested copies in four conspicuous public places within the Town, at least nine days, including Sundays,—before the day of holding said meeting. The polls will be open at 9 o'clock, A. M., and close at three o'clock, P. M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place hereinbefore named.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of March, A. D., 1885.

A. H. WHEELER,
WM. D. MORSE,
P. T. LITCHFIELD,

A true copy. Attest: Selectmen of Southbridge.

P. M. CLARKE, Constable of Southbridge.

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